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NORTH CHINA FRICTION

Chancellor Of The Exchequer

London, To-day.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, although slightly better to-day, is still confined to his room with a heavy cold.—British Wireless.

QUARTERMASTER HERO

How "Hopsang" Crew Reached Safety

Although the officers and crew of the Hopsang, wrecked on the Formosan coast, have been in Hong Kong for nearly a week, it was only to-day that disclosure was made of an act of gallantry, which contributed largely to the safety of all aboard.

It is understood that the quartermaster of the Hopsang was the hero of the affair, making a perilous climb over an improvised bridge from ship to a cliffside and forming the vital link by which other members of the crew were enabled to reach safety.

An investigation is now proceeding in Hong Kong into all the circumstances of the stranding and subsequent events.

PEACE MEMORIAL PRIZE

Valuable Success Of W. K. Pryde

The value of the Peace Memorial Prize which has been won by Walter Kennedy Pryde, of the Central British School, son of Mr. W. Pryde, of the Public Works Department, is \$1,200.

The prize entitles Pryde, who is 17 years of age next week, to attend any British University, but he is required to take a special course in one of two things, agriculture and horticulture or electrical and synthetic chemistry.

He was partly educated at Watson's College in Edinburgh, attending that school until 1930 and again in 1935 and 1936.

Five Wickets Down At Tea For 167

Christchurch (N.Z.), To-day.
The M.C.C. did not make too encouraging a start in their recently arranged Test Match with New Zealand, which opened this morning. At lunch the visitors had scored 80 for the loss of one wicket and at tea five wickets were down for 167.

TWENTY-NINTH ARMY AND THE JAPANESE

Shanghai, To-day.

Serious friction between the Twenty-Ninth Army and the Japanese authorities is again manifesting itself in North China, according to a Domei message from Peiping.

THE JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS LODGED THREE DEMANDS UPON THE MAYOR, CHIN TEH-CHUN, IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED AFFRONTS OFFERED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH ARMY TO JAPANESE SUBJECTS, INCLUDING CONSULAR AND MILITARY OFFICIALS.

MR. LIN SEN

Expected In Canton This Evening

Mr. Lin Sen, President of the National Government, is due to arrive in Canton at 5 p.m. to-day.

His Excellency will give an interview to local officials and foreign diplomats this evening, and to-morrow morning he will pay his respects to the late General Huang Mu-sung. On Monday morning, he will lay a wreath on the 72 Heroes' tomb.

Mr. Lin Sen has been requested to visit Kwangsi by Generals Li Chung-jen and Pei Chung-hai, the Kwangsi warlords, but whether he will be able to spare the time to go is not known.

ITALO-JAPANESE TRADE TALKS

Rome, To-day.

Considerable progress has been made in Italo-Japanese negotiations for conclusion of a trade treaty.

No political agreement is being negotiated, says an official announcement denying reports in the foreign press.—Trans-Ocean.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports: The anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific and another is developing over Mongolia. Pressure is relatively low over Indo-China and the depression has moved north eastward to the Straits of Korea. Local forecast: E. and N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy generally with fog or mist, drizzle or light rain later, colder.

Vatican And Concordat DENUNCIATION NOT LIKELY

Rome, To-day.

It is stated in reliable quarters in Rome that denunciation of the Concordat between Germany and the Vatican is most unlikely.

It has been several centuries, it is pointed out, since a Pope denounced a treaty concluded with a foreign State.

The rumour that the German envoy to the Vatican is being recalled is officially denied.

There is no doubt, however, that the Pope's Encyclical will have repercussions though it is hoped that the matter will be settled along diplomatic channels.—Trans-Ocean.

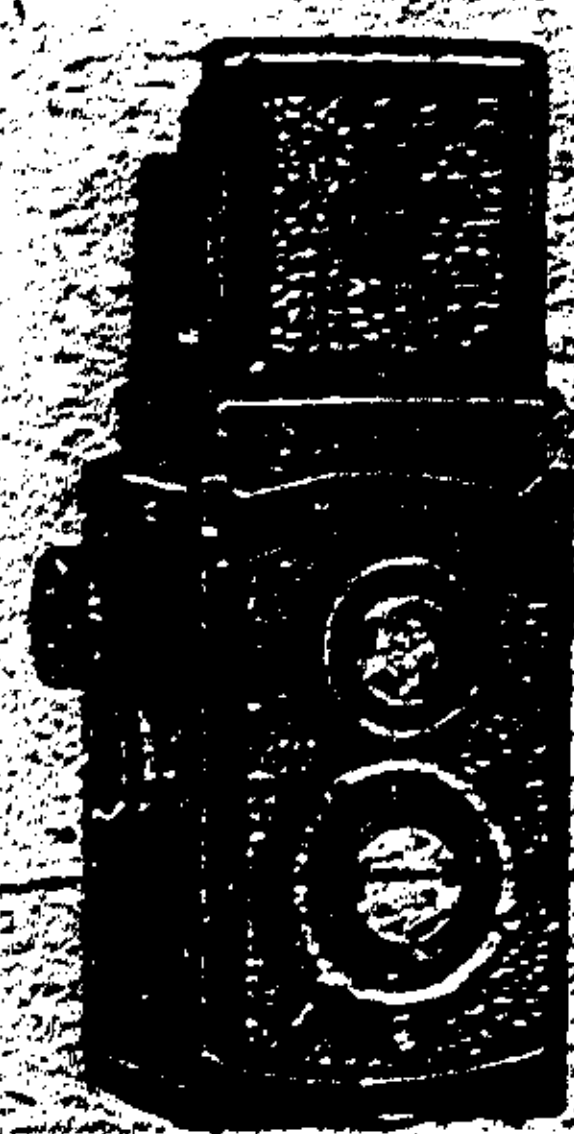
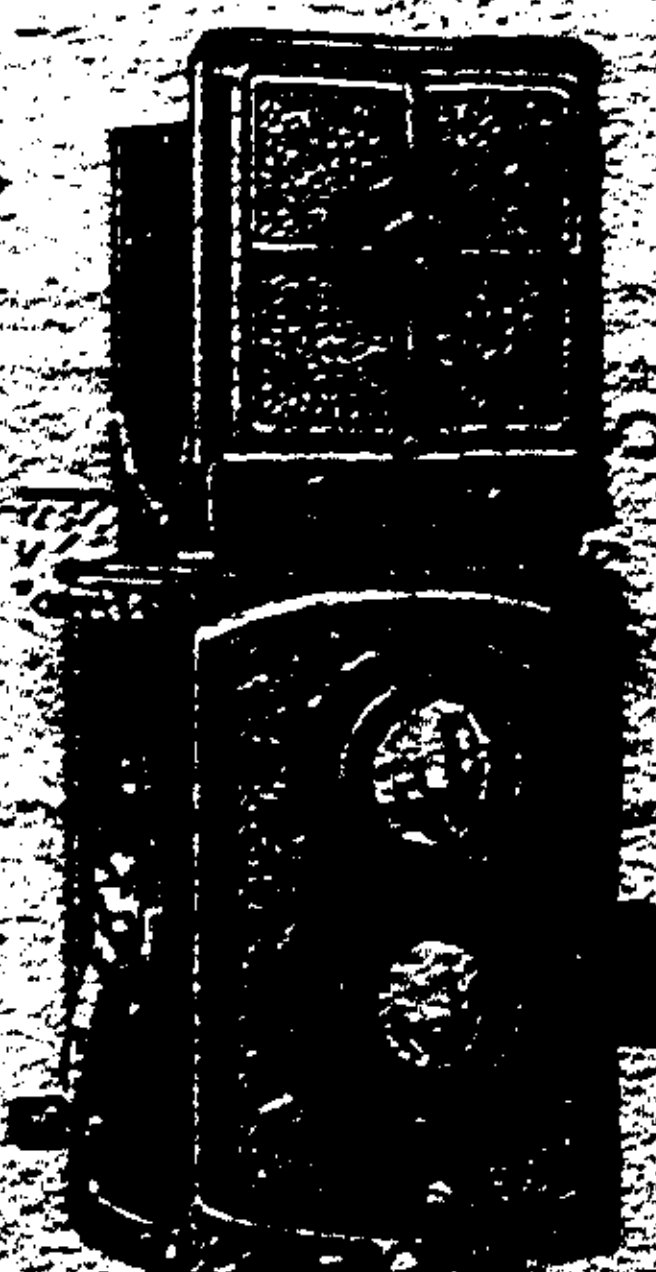
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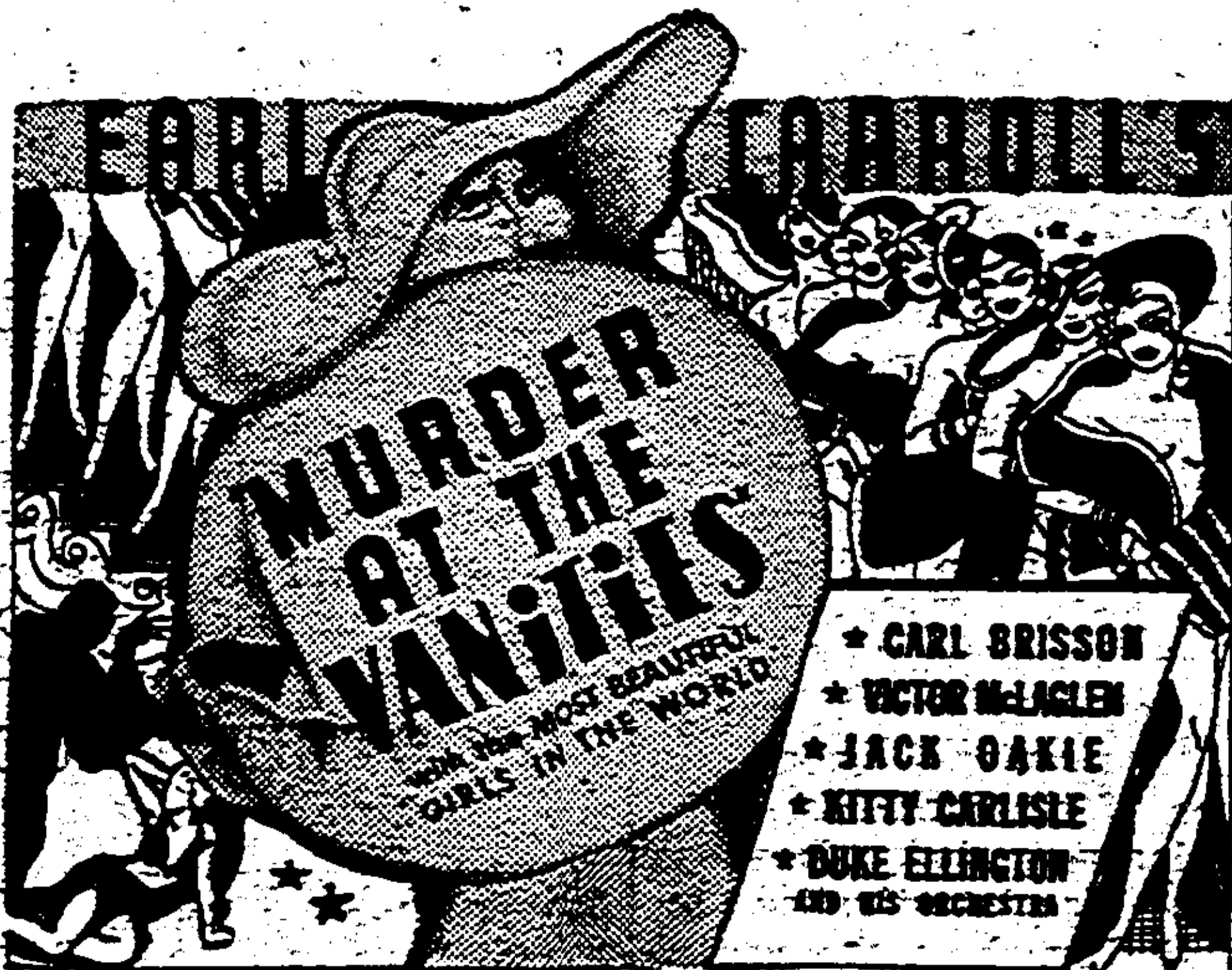
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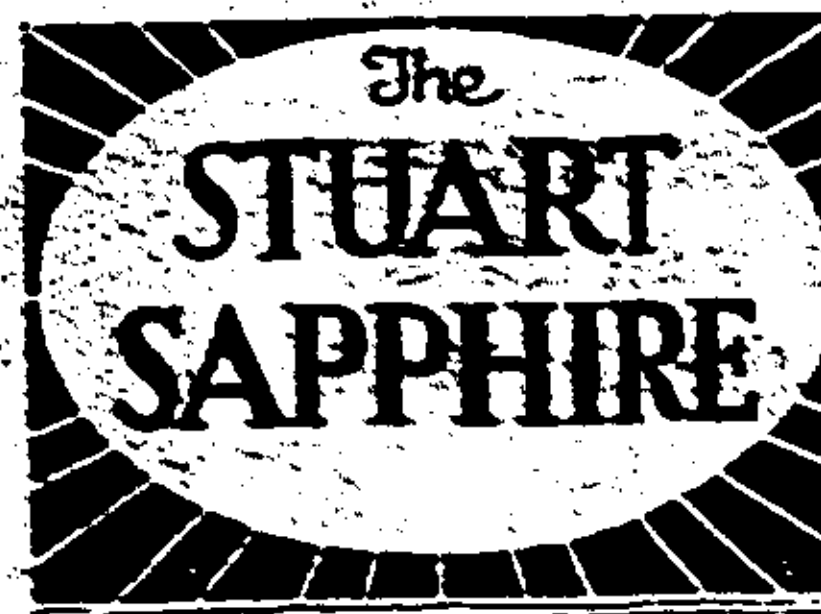
• TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW •



FRI & SAT. KATHARINE HEPBURN - HERBERT MARSHALL
R.K.O. PICTURE • in "A WOMAN REBELS"

The STORY of THE CROWN JEWELS

by FRANK C. PAPE



IN THE KING'S STATE CROWN
IS A VERY LARGE SAPPHIRE,
KNOWN AS THE STUART SAPPHIRE.
CHARLES II WORE IT IN HIS CROWN.

AT THE DEATH OF CHARLES II THE
GEM PASSED TO HIS BROTHER JAMES II.
WHEN JAMES WAS DETHRONED AND
FLED TO FRANCE IN 1688 HE TOOK
THE SAPPHIRE WITH HIM.



JAMES TOOK TO FRANCE ANOTHER OF THE CROWN
JEWELS - THE SANCTI DIAMOND - WHICH HAD BE-
LONGED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH. THIS GEM HE
SOLD TO LOUIS XIV FOR £25,000.

IN 1570 THE SANCTI DIAMOND WAS SENT BY THE
FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO HENRY II OF FRANCE.
THE MESSENGER WAS KILLED BY ROBBERIES, BUT
SWALLOWED THE DIAMOND - WHICH WAS FOUND
BY THE MASTER IN HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT'S BODY
AND RESTORED TO THE FRENCH KING.



EVENTUALLY THE STUART SAPPHIRE CAME
TO QUEEN VICTORIA WHO HAD IT SET IN HER
STATE CROWN JUST BELOW THE GREAT RUBY.
EDWARD VII PUT ONE OF THE GREAT STARS OF
AFRICA IN ITS PLACE. THE SAPPHIRE IS
NOW AT THE BACK OF THE STATE CROWN.

Official Coronation Day Prayer

Thanksgiving for all the King's "gifts and graces" is expressed in the prayer prepared by the Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Bertram Pollock), with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, for use throughout the Empire and at the Queen's Hall Coronation Day of Intercession on May 11. It may also be used in churches and in other ways throughout Coronation week. Passages from the prayer include the following:—

We address ourselves to the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ at home and abroad, far and near, of every race, in every land, of every language, under every sky, who are pleased and proud on this happy and blessed day to acknowledge the Sovereignty of George VI, our King Emperor.

A worthy and godly estimate of the Coronation involves four loyalties; first our loyalty to God, for the Coronation service lays all at His feet.

Our second loyalty is to his Majesty the King, to whom we pledge our allegiance and for whose Person and Throne we have come to pray.

Our third loyalty is to our country and Empire, which call for our service as citizens of our own land and of the King's Dominions beyond the seas.

Our fourth loyalty is to ourselves, our best selves as children of God, and to our own high calling: "as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

We praise Thee for the King whom Thou hast given to us to sit upon the Throne of Thy faithful servant, his father, and through Thy favour to carry forward at home and abroad the works and ways of him whose name he bears: in humble gratitude we acknowledge before Thee the Spirit in which he accepted the heavy task that Thou hast entrusted to him, for his courage, calmness and industry which steadied the nation in time of shock and strain.

We thank Thee for the peace and joy of his home, for the simplicity of his way of life, his ease and friendly happiness, his comradeship with the young, and above all, we thank Thee, O Lord, for his upholding of our Christian inheritance, his habit of worship, his love of duty, his devotion to the example of Him Who came not to be ministered unto but to minister; for all these gifts and graces granted by Thee to our Sovereign Lord, we thank Thee, O God, the Giver of all good things through Jesus Christ our Lord. The King represents the one supreme centre of unity. His Majesty is the

Head of the growing family. Every member of that family is summoned to take up his own responsibility for the good of the family and for the glory of God.

The claims of Caesar and the claims of God are not conflicting: Our loyalty is pledged to a Christian Prince and Ruler. In rendering to him the things which are his, we are accomplishing a part of our duty of rendering to God the things which are God's. "By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice."

COLONY'S VITAL STATISTICS

Diphtheria & Cerebro- Spinal Fever

The weekly health returns reveal that Diphtheria and cerebro-spinal meningitis are still the most prevalent among notifiable diseases in the Colony, though both are revealing some signs of diminishing.

Last week, eight meningitis cases, with four deaths, were reported, while there were seven diphtheria cases with 3 deaths. Enteric accounted for five victims, with one death, and there were also five cases of chickenpox, one of smallpox, and two fatal dysentery cases.

Sixty-one deaths from tuberculosis occurred during the week. Yesterday's figures show two diphtheria, two cerebro-spinal fever, three dysentery and one typhoid cases.

THE WORLD GOES BY

MENTION of the Russian poet Pushkin in a local paper the other day raises the old argument as to how Russian names are to be pronounced, as it were, in English.

Tchekov is a name which has aroused a lot of controversy from time to time and I set out yesterday to solve the riddle of the name's pronunciation.

"Tchekov, of course," said Mr. Parrable, the eminent litterateur. (And don't ask me what a litterateur is, either. One problem at a time).

"Chekov," said Mrs. Milk-Mango.

"My father," she added, "travell'd a lot in Russia. 'Say it with moujik' was one of his favourite jokes."

"Chekoff," said Lord Upsett.

"These foreign writers," he went on amiably, "want keeping in their place. They can spell their names how they like in Russia, but in England they must conform to established custom."

"If the worst comes to the worst, we can order their stuff to be confiscated."

"If the verst comes to the verst, you mean," put in Mrs. Milk-Mango archly.

Mr. Hogmanay Snuffles, Hong Kong theatre manager, made a long nose at these worthies.

"It's Hehoh really," he murmured confidentially.

"But they don't know it—no one knows it but me. Hehoh, a name to conjure with."

As a result of these interviews the following deathless verse has burst into print:

*Hehoh, my Hehoh, how goes it to-day?
Come with us, Hehoh, and write us a play;
We'll produce Uncle Vanya for one and a tanya—
Hehoh, my Hehoh, how goes it to-day?*

* * *

Some learned bloke, reviewing another rather poetic bloke's book about something or other, says that he would be sorry to see poets at the head of affairs.

Well, I don't know if he's right. Affairs being what they are, all things being equal and so on, I must say I think that a poet, who can spout good, clean, uplifting poetry—stuff that appeals to the heart—would be a tower of strength in the Hong Kong Legislative Council.

Imagine one of the Members of that august body getting up and declaiming something like this:

*Hooray, hooray, hooray, hooray!
Again, my friends, we're met to-day!
The same old, dear old, jolly faces.
In all the same old, dear old places!
Just think what lots of jolly fun
We'll have enjoyed when work is done.
More money for so many ends
My friends, my friends, my*

Much Too Easy A Target For Bombs

Whitehall, headquarters of the Government, may not be rebuilt after all—it may be moved into the country.

The Government is now being urged to house the Ministries of Air, Labour, Trade, and Transport in an area outside London.

Already, however, preliminary work has started on the \$2,250,000 scheme to house these departments in one block of offices 550ft. long and 30ft. wide.

"FIRST-CLASS TARGET"

More than 5,400 Civil Servants were to have been under one roof.

But air and military authorities are unanimous in condemning Whitehall as it now exists on the ground that it is a first-class target for enemy aircraft in time of war.

All Ministerial offices are justifiable air targets, and the risk of their destruction, thereby creating irreparable loss and confusion, should be avoided.

The example of New Delhi, where all Government offices are outside the capital, might well be followed here.

Many members of the staffs of these Ministries approve wholeheartedly the idea of "a Whitehall in the country."

16 ENTRIES— 18 AWARDS!

Remarkable Success At King's Lynn

At the King's Lynn Poultry Show recently, birds entered from the 'Ovaltine' Egg Farm secured a remarkable success. The sixteen "Ovaltine" entries gained no fewer than eighteen awards—including 7 First Prizes, the R. L. Visitor's Cup, Poultry Club Silver Medal, Poultry World £200 Challenge Certificate, and Sussex Club Bronze Medal.

"Ovaltine" entries have been consistently successful at leading Poultry Shows in recent years. This is evidence of the very high standard of efficiency and hygiene maintained at the 'Ovaltine' Egg Farm, which is considered by experts to be the largest and most up-to-date in Britain. The Farm covers more than 350 acres and has accommodation for 100,000 birds.

The Dairy Farm is also outstanding by reason of the splendid prize-winning record of the famous Jersey Herd. More than 440 awards have been gained at the principal Shows since 1933.

These Farms were specially established by the proprietors to set the highest possible standards of quality and purity for the huge quantities of eggs and milk used in the manufacture of 'Ovaltine'—the popular food beverage.

friends, my friends!

Who could resist him, especially if he followed up this outburst with a pas seul?

The suggestion is not copyright and I hope to see the next meeting of the Legislative Council livened up by something of this nature.

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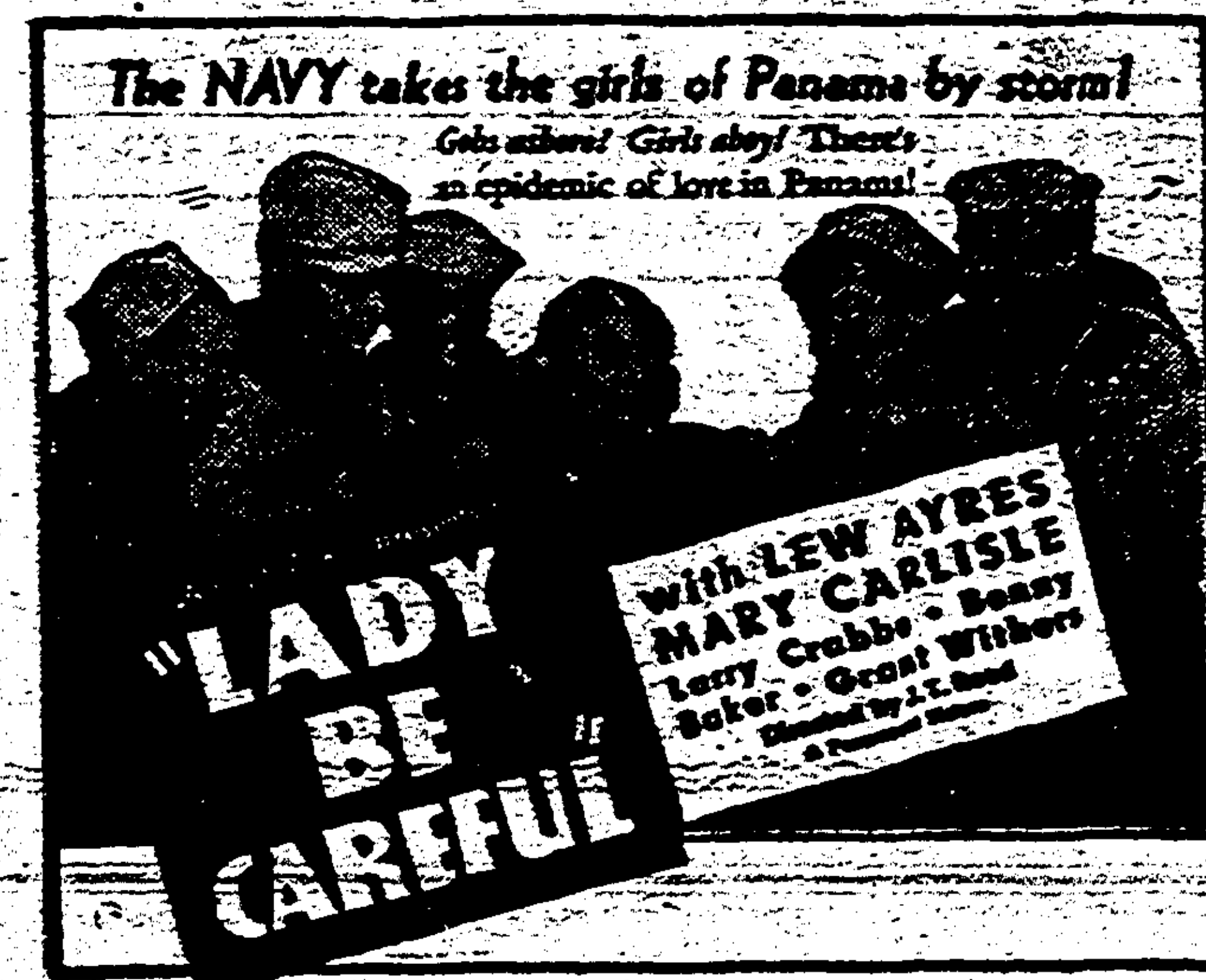
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BRITISH TALKS WITH JAPAN

HOPE ENTERTAINED AS RESULT OF MR. SATO'S SPEECHES

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. J. Lees-Jones, Conservative member for Blackley, asked whether any recent communications had passed with Japan with the object of securing China's sovereign rights and a free field for all Powers wishing to trade in China.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, replied in the negative.

The Government were, however, satisfied that the Japanese Government were fully aware of their views.

Mr. R. W. Porritt, Conservative member for Heywood, asked that the British Ambassador in Tokyo be requested to inquire whether the speech of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Sato, indicated readiness to discuss trade equality on the mainland of China with due regard to China's sovereign rights.

Viscount Cranborne, answering for Mr. Eden, said that Mr. Sato's speech had encouraged him to hope that friendly exchanges of views might take place on all subjects but he was unable now to undertake the suggested inquiry.—Reuter.

FREEDING TRADE CHANNELS

Mr. Runciman And "Oslo" Meeting

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade replying to a Parliamentary question regarding his discussions with Swedish Foreign Minister during the latter's recent visit to London, said Mr. Sandler, in the course of the conversation, mentioned the recent discussions between experts representing the countries which were parties to the Oslo Convention.

Mr. Runciman assured him of Britain's sympathy with any initiative having as its object a reduction of obstacles to international trade.—British Wireless.

THE NEW CHELSEA BRIDGE

To Be Opened By Mr. Mackenzie King

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King, has accepted the invitation of the London County Council to open the new Chelsea Bridge over the Thames on May 6th.

Lord Snell, Chairman, said the Council were most gratified at the great honour of the association of the Prime Minister of Canada with this important London event.—British Wireless.

Nanking, To-day.—Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek left Nanking for Hankow yesterday at 7 a.m. and leaves for Manila on 1.30 p.m.—Our Own Correspondent.

TREASURY RETURNS

ELEVEN DAYS TO END OF YEAR

WILL THE BUDGET BALANCE?

London, To-day.

The Treasury returns for the week ending March 20th—11 days from the end of the financial year—show that the total ordinary revenue to date amounts to \$766,971,848. At the corresponding date of last year the figure was \$728,271,283.

Total ordinary expenditure to-date is \$782,638,075 against \$736,067,796 at this time last year.

The Estimate of the total ordinary revenue for the full year was \$798,381,000 and expenditure, including supplementary estimates of \$41,058,000, less provision made in the Budget for \$25,600,000, was estimated at \$813,388,000.

On the receipts side, income tax so far collected accounts for \$247,499,000 against \$230,201,000 at the corresponding date last year and a total estimate for the full year of \$259,000,000.

Other inland revenue items, with the exception of death duties, which is over one million down on last year's figure, all show increases.

Customs and excise to date have yielded \$314,717,000 as compared with \$297,928,000 at this time last year and with an estimate for a full year of \$317,525,000.—British Wireless.

Merchants May Strike

Canton, To-day.

Dissatisfied with the system of levying the Business Tax, merchants of Canton are to hold a meeting to-day to decide their final attitude towards this new tax. It is feared that a general business strike may be determined upon at this meeting.—Our Own Correspondent.

Sculptor's Death

New York, To-day.

The death has occurred of the sculptor, Frederick MacMonnies.—Reuter.

The m.v. Cingalese Prince from New York is expected here on or about 31st instant.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" is due at Hong Kong on Friday at Nanking for Hankow yesterday at 7 a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day at 5 p.m.

Nura Kanis And
Elisabeth
Rodgers Recital

Today's Wireless

The Oxford And
Cambridge
Boat Race

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
1.20 p.m.—Rudy Starita and His Xylophone.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press: Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—The London Philharmonic Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11.15 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—From the Studio.
Hebridean Songs to the Clarsach (Celtic Harp) by
Madame Scotia "Bardess of the Gorsedd"
Programme
1. Hebridean Mothers' Song.
2. Hin, hin, haradala (Dancing Song).
3. A Fairy's Love Song.
4. The Cockle Gatherer (Dancing Song) arr. Kennedy Fraser.
7.15 p.m.—London — Oxford v. Cambridge. A Commentary on the Boat Race.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

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8.03 p.m.—Viennese Waltzes.
April Smiles (Depret).
Spring Waltz (Lincke).
Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
Volga, Volga! (Noack).
Hydropathen (Gungl).
Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Recital by Elisabeth Rodgers (Soprano) and Nura Kanis (Pianoforte).
1. Soprano Solo—
"Mignon"—Connais tu le pays? (Thomas).
2. Pianoforte Solo—
Troika.
Noel (Tchaikowsky).
3. Soprano Solo—
Millions d'Arlequin (Drigol).
4. Pianoforte Solo—
Preludes Nos. 2 and 5 (Scriabin).
5. Soprano Solo—
"Samson and Delilah"—Softly awakes my heart (Saint-Saens).
8.45 p.m.—"A Princess of Kensington" Selection (German), Played by the Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.15 p.m.—"Symphony No. 4 (Italian)"

in A Major" (Mendelssohn), Played by the Halle Orchestra, Conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty.
1st Movement—Allegro vivace.
2nd Movement—Andante con moto.
3rd Movement—Con moto moderato.
4th Movement—Saltarello.
9.40 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Recital by Frederick English (Bass-Baritone).
1. Two Grenadiers Schumann.
2. Nobody knows de trouble I seen, Burleigh.
3. "Philemon & Baucis"—
Vulcans Song Gounod.
4. Song of the Flea Moussorgsky.
5. Still wie die Nacht Carl Bohm.
6. "Chu Chin Chow"—
Cobblers Song Norton.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
Variety.
Vocal—
Sentimental Gentleman from

Georgia The Boswell Sisters.
Piano Solo—
"Let me Play" Vivian Ellis.
Humorous—
Have you seen my chickens?
Tommy Handley and Jean Allistone.
Orchestra—
"Roberts" Selection.
New "Mayfair Orchestra."
10.20 p.m.—London—"Straight from the Horse's Mouth"—A day in a Racing Stable (Electrical Recording).
10.50 p.m.—London—Oxford v. Cambridge. An Electrical Recording of the Commentary on the University Boat Race.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.
5-7 p.m.—Additional European programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.
5 p.m.—Dance Music.
6 p.m.—"Jubilee Music Hall Parade."
6.17 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
6.37 p.m.—Variety.
7 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Partner's Response To Four No Trump

The conventional four no trump bid cannot be passed. Partner must choose his response as follows:

1. With two aces he must bid five no trump. He also must bid five no trump if he has one ace and the kings of all suits previously bid by partner or himself.

2. With one ace and more strength than he has shown by his previous bidding, if the suit in which the ace is held has been bid previously, he jumps immediately to six-odd in the best available trump suit.

3. With one ace in a suit which has not been bid, he bids that suit if it is lower ranking than the trump suit in which the hand eventually will be played, even if holding no additional values. If the suit is higher ranking, he must hold something extra.

4. With no ace, partner must sign off by bidding five in the lowest ranking suit which has been bid previously. This is a conventional signoff which does not guarantee support for the lowest suit.

A signoff also should be made if holding one ace, but nothing more than has been guaranteed by previous bids.

Uncapitalized Errors

In a game of four fairly equal players, none expert, mistakes usually are not costly, for the simple reason that they are neither noticed nor capitalised by the opponents. It is this that deludes so many players into the belief that they have put on a flawless performance at a given session. The fact is that every one makes mistakes. Some are merely luckier than others in escaping punishment.

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S—K J 8 5

H—A 9 4

D—8 4 2

C—A 5 3

WEST

S—10 6

H—Q J 10 8 5

D—A 10 9 6

C—7 2

EAST

S—Q 9 7 3 2

H—7 3

D—Q J 5

C—Q 10 4

SOUTH
S—A 4
H—K 6 2
D—K 7 3
C—K J 9 8 6

The bidding:

South West North East

1 club 1 heart 1 spade Pass

1 no trump Pass 2 no trump Pass

3 no trump Pass Pass Pass

West opened the heart queen

and dummy's ace was played to

win the trick. A low club now was

led, declarer reflecting happily that

even if the finesse he was about to

take should lose, it would lose to

West and thus no lead could go

through his vulnerable diamond

king. But East had been doing

some lightning thinking also. He

saw that his Q 10 4 of clubs were

valueless against declarer's prob-

able holding of K J, and saw,

moreover, that the hope of the de-

fenders probably rested on his

gaining the lead for the play of

diamonds through declarer. He

knew there was little or no chance

that his heart queen would be an

entry. Declarer never would finesse

into East's hand if he feared a dia-

mond shift. All of which requires

much longer in the explaining than

East required to make his killing

play. Without a split second's

hesitation he played the club queen

on the low lead from dummy! De-

clarer won with the king and fell

squarely into the trap. If the club

queen actually were a singleton, as

it appeared to be, West had start-

ed with four to the ten spot, and

now a simple finesse through him

would return all five club tricks

and thereby the contract. The nine

was led, accordingly, and allowed

to ride. East gobbled up the trick

with his ten and laid down the

diamond queen. Curtain! Down

one!

Declarer really had beaten him-

self by his bad play at the second

trick. Since he had not intended to

take a double finesse in clubs, there

was no earthly reason why the

club ace should not have been play-

ed first. With that done, East

never would have had opportunity

for his splendid hoax.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Lady Be Careful," with Lew Ayres, Mary Carlisle, Larry Crabbe and Benny Baker. Paramount's hilarious comedy of gobs and girls.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Let's Make A Million,"—Edward Everett Horton teamed with Margaret Sedden and Margaret McWade, the "pixilated" sisters of "Mr. Deeds Comes to Town" in a riotous comedy romance which proves that oil is where you find it even if it happens to be in your own back yard, and not all the crooks in American can prevent you from making your million.

AT THE KING'S—"Sinner Take All,"—Deals of a newspaper reporter who solves a strange series of murders and a plot menacing an heiress, with Margaret Lindsay, Bruce Cabot and Joseph Calleia.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Murder at the Vanities," with Victor McLaglen, Jack Oakie, Kitty Carlisle and Duke Ellington and his famous orchestra. The picture tells of the premiere of a new brand of musical show and combines music with mystery.

AT THE STAR—"Grand Jury," with Fred Stone, Owen Davis, and Louise Latimer. The story of an average man who is so infuriated by a jury's failure to indict a killer that he sets out lone-handed to smash the crime ring behind the slayer.

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ANGLO-ITALIAN TENSION

Sudden Revival of Bitter Newspaper Attacks

Wu Te Chen's Remarkable Speech Appointment Confirmed By Mussolini

Shanghai, To-day.
Dr. H. H. Kung, the Acting President of the Executive Yuan has appointed Mr. Wu Te-chien as the Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, and Mr. O. K. Yui, Secretary-general of the Shanghai Municipality, as Acting Mayor of Greater Shanghai.

It is stated that Mr. Wu Te-chien will fly to Canton early next week and will be sworn in on April 1. Numbers of telegrams of welcome have been sent to Shanghai to the new Governor by different public bodies in Kwangtung.—Our Own Correspondent.

HIGHER CABINET SALARIES

Bill Presented In Commons

London, To-day.
The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, presented the Ministers of the Crown Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Bill is designed to regulate the salaries of the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet holding offices bringing less than £5,000 a year and the leader of the Opposition, and also provides a pension for former Prime Ministers.—Reuter.

VALENCIA GOLD HOLDINGS

Soviet Agrees To Discussion

London, To-day.
Following a period of comparative inactivity, the non-intervention committee yesterday held a meeting which continued till late in the night.

Most important question discussed was that of the gold sent abroad by the Valencia Government, the Soviet having consented after weeks of refusal to let the subject be brought up for discussion.

It is believed that some decision will soon be reached on this question.—Trans-Ocean.

STATE CONTROL OF MAIN ROAD

Agreements Reached Without Friction

London, To-day.
The Transport Minister, Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, informed the County Councils Association at their annual meeting that agreements had been worked out without any friction in connection with the coming transfer to the Ministry of the main trunk roads and he believed that everything would be ready on April 1st.—British Wireless.

The P. and O. "Alipore" is due here on the 27th instant at about 6 a.m.

SANCTIONIST SIEGE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN

Rome, To-day.

A strong polemical speech was made by Signor Mussolini in the Piazza Venezia on the occasion of the celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of Fascism.

THE DUCE SHARPLY REBUKED THE NEWSPAPERS WHO SOUGHT TO MAKE A MYSTERY OUT OF HIS RETURN FROM LIBYA A DAY EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

HE ALSO ANSWERED HIS CHURCH CRITICS IN BRITAIN IN SOME TRENCANT PHRASES.

"This inundation of turgid ink can logically be connected with the hysterical and hypocritical oratory of certain preachers, who are always ready to see the mote in other people's eyes while their own eyes are crushed by centuries-old beams."

The Duce referred to the nine months economic siege which ended in the surrender of the besiegers.

Nevertheless, the siege revealed the pacifists as really dangerous enemies of peace.

"He who says the Italian people are ready to forget makes a mistake."

The Italians waited forty years to avenge Adowa.

"Blackshirts, remember and prepare yourselves. This is the warning of to-day's celebrations."—Reuter.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
The eighteenth anniversary of the foundation of Fascism was celebrated yesterday with impressive ceremonies throughout Italy.

In Rome, Signor Mussolini, who had just returned from his journey to Libya, addressed a crowd of several hundred thousands from a balcony on the Palazzo Venezia.

The Duce pointed out that this year's anniversary was the first "since the dream of an Italian Empire came true."

With creation of the new Italian Empire, he declared, the task which Fascism had set itself had been fulfilled.

He then gave a brief account of his Libyan journey and described the progress made in colonisation of the Italian dependencies.

FOREIGN OPINION

Referring to criticism in the foreign press, the Duce severely criticised the "hypocritical attitude and lack of understanding of Italian affairs shown by some foreign newspapers."

Commenting on the anti-Italian utterances delivered from the pulpits of some American churches in recent weeks, the Duce assured his hearers that they would not shake the confidence of the Italian people.

The lying anti-Italian propaganda which was endangering peace and international co-operation would not be easily forgotten by Italy, just as the sanctions applied during the Abyssinian war had not been forgotten.

Recalling the campaign in Abyssinia, the Duce declared that Italy "had taken revenge for Adowa and this fact should be kept in mind. "Our watchword shall be 'Remember and be Prepared.'"—Trans-Ocean.

ANGLO-ITALIAN TENSION

"Nonsensical Outburst"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The sharp controversy which has broken out between the British and Italian press as a result of recent events has now assumed a form reminiscent of the worst days of the Abyssinian war.

The "Evening Standard" calls the speech made by Signor Mussolini in Rome yesterday a nonsensical outburst.

The other evening newspapers state that since the Autumn of 1931 Anglo-Italian relations have not been so bad as at the present moment.

COUNT CIANO'S CALL

The papers think that the Duce's speech is bound to have repercussions, especially in view of the fact that it is known that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, called on the British Ambassador in Rome, Sir Eric Drummond, in order to make representations concerning the attitude adopted by the British press towards Signor Mussolini's Libyan tour.

Mr. Hector Bywater, writing in the "Daily Telegraph," says that the manoeuvres in the Mediterranean have showed that Italy can not block that sea to the warships of a foreign power.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH NAVY THANKED

London, To-day.

Two British destroyers recently evacuated 450 Bilbao children to Saint Jean de Luz, and the Spanish Minister of Marine and Air has, in his capacity both as Minister and as Ambassador for Bilbao, sent a personal letter expressing his warm thanks. He added that the crews of the destroyers overwhelmed the party with kindness.—British Wireless.

FRESH ITALIAN VOLUNTEER LANDING

Medical Supplies And Doctors Only

London, To-day.

The reported landing of Italian volunteers at Cadiz on March 15 after the ban had come into force, over which Britain made an enquiry of Italy, is stated by Rome to have consisted only of medical supplies, doctors and helpers.

No arms or volunteer fighters, says Rome, were included.

Independent British inquiries tend to confirm the Italian statement.—Reuter.

CLICHY POLICE SHOOTING

ACTED WITHOUT ORDERS

ROWDY SCENES IN CHAMBER

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Leon Blum, rebuked a section of his followers in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday.

He said that the appeal to the population of Clichy on March 16 to protest against the Fascist meeting was the gravest fault.

It was a public duty to discipline crowds and not excite them.

The speech was frequently interrupted by unruly scenes, the Rightists shouting "Bloody clowns" to which the Leftists retorted with unprintable epithets.

The police at Clichy, added the Premier, had fired in self-defence but without orders. Therefore they had acted wrongly.

The police force would henceforth be reorganised and given other means of defence than fire arms.—Reuter.

GERMAN CHURCH ELECTIONS

Present Authorities To Stay

Berlin, To-day.

The first step taken by the German Government prior to holding of the general election in the Evangelical Church is in the shape of a decree issued yesterday by Dr. Hans Karl, Minister for Church Affairs.

The decree states that the present Church authorities are to remain in office until the new General Synod is formed.

They must concern themselves with ordinary church administrative matters only, and no attempts must be made to reorganise any of the church bodies.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" says that the German State, in the person of Dr. Karl, accepts the present situation as being valid and in doing so adopts the most neutral course.

Both the provincial churches and the German Christians are asked to let things be until they are given new shape.—Trans-Ocean.

MUSSOLINI'S DILEMMA

Guadalajara Setback Leads To Fresh Fears

Paris, To-day.

Various newspapers here attribute some importance to Signor Mussolini's speedy return to Rome and are endeavouring to link it up with the recent events on the Guadalajara front in Spain.

THE "OEUVRE" SAYS THAT THE DUCE IS CONFRONTED WITH TWO POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION.

EITHER HE MUST DESPATCH ADEQUATE REINFORCEMENTS AND THEREBY RISK INCREASING TENSION BETWEEN ROME AND LONDON, OR HE MUST REGARD HIS WAR MATERIAL AND POSITION AS ALREADY LOST.

The "Echo de Paris" touches the more political aspect and contends that London is no longer prepared to take a passive view of the Italian attempt to establish control over the route that links up the Western powers with the Mediterranean, and hence is quite willing to allow the protest made by the Valencia Government to come before the League of Nations.

THE DILEMMA

The Rome correspondent of the "Figaro" asserts that eventual collapse of the Spanish revolt would be regarded in Italy as a national disaster, a fact which the Duce cannot ignore when it comes to deciding what course he will adopt.

The correspondent adds a criticism of dictatorial regimes, which, he says, have a weak point in the fact that they can't stand any loss of prestige.—Trans-Ocean

At to-day's meeting of the Chairman's Sub-committee of the Non-intervention Committee, it was agreed to appoint a committee of jurists to consider certain questions relating to Spanish capital assets.

In reference to the possibility of effecting the withdrawal from Spain of persons of Non-Spanish nationality engaged in the present conflict, the Chairman suggested the matter be referred to a technical advisory sub-committee.

The Italian representative (Count Grandi) said that in his opinion, this was not a technical but a general problem and that discussion in such a sub-committee would not be likely to produce practical results.

He was not in a position at present to enter upon any discussion of the problem.

In the course of the subsequent discussion, a number of representatives expressed regret that it was

not possible to begin detailed consideration of this question which their respective governments regarded as of the greatest importance.

Its consideration will be resumed at the earliest possible moment.

Representatives concerned are reporting to their respective governments.

The sub-committee agreed that, meanwhile, all possible steps should be taken to expedite the bringing into operation of the observation scheme.—British Wireless.

Italians Furnish Upset

NOT WILLING TO DISCUSS WITHDRAWAL

London, To-day.

After the meeting of the non-intervention sub-committee yesterday morning, Count Grandi (Italy) intimated that the Italian Government was not willing to discuss at present the question of withdrawal of volunteers.

The Chairman, Lord Plymouth, declared that a serious situation was thus created and he would have to refer the matter to his Government.

Extension of the non-intervention agreement to secure co-operation of the non-European countries will engage the early attention of the non-intervention committee, according to a communique dealing with yesterday's proceedings.—Reuter.

Coming Weddings

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Lieutenant Arthur Kraz Espenas, of the U.S.S. Mindanao, and Miss Antonina Lavrouhina, of No. 8, Hart Avenue, and of Mr. Enrique Mantaring Huertas, musician, of No. 113, Leighton Hill Road, and Miss Ines Jeunot, of the same address.

TAIPO MARKET CRIME

CONDEMNED MAN EXECUTED AT DAWN

This will probably be the last execution to take place in the centre of the city, as inmates of the Gaol are now being transferred to the new gaol at Stanley.

At dawn this morning, in Victoria Gaol, 30-year-old Wong Fat-chi was hanged.

He was found guilty at the February Sessions and sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, for the murder of his wealthy foster mother, Li Kam-yin, at Tai-po Market.

It was alleged that Wong took part in a conspiracy to murder the woman and allowed his brother-in-law to enter the home in the middle of the night for the purpose of robbery. During the raid the woman was strangled.

To their verdict, the jury added a recommendation for mercy.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY

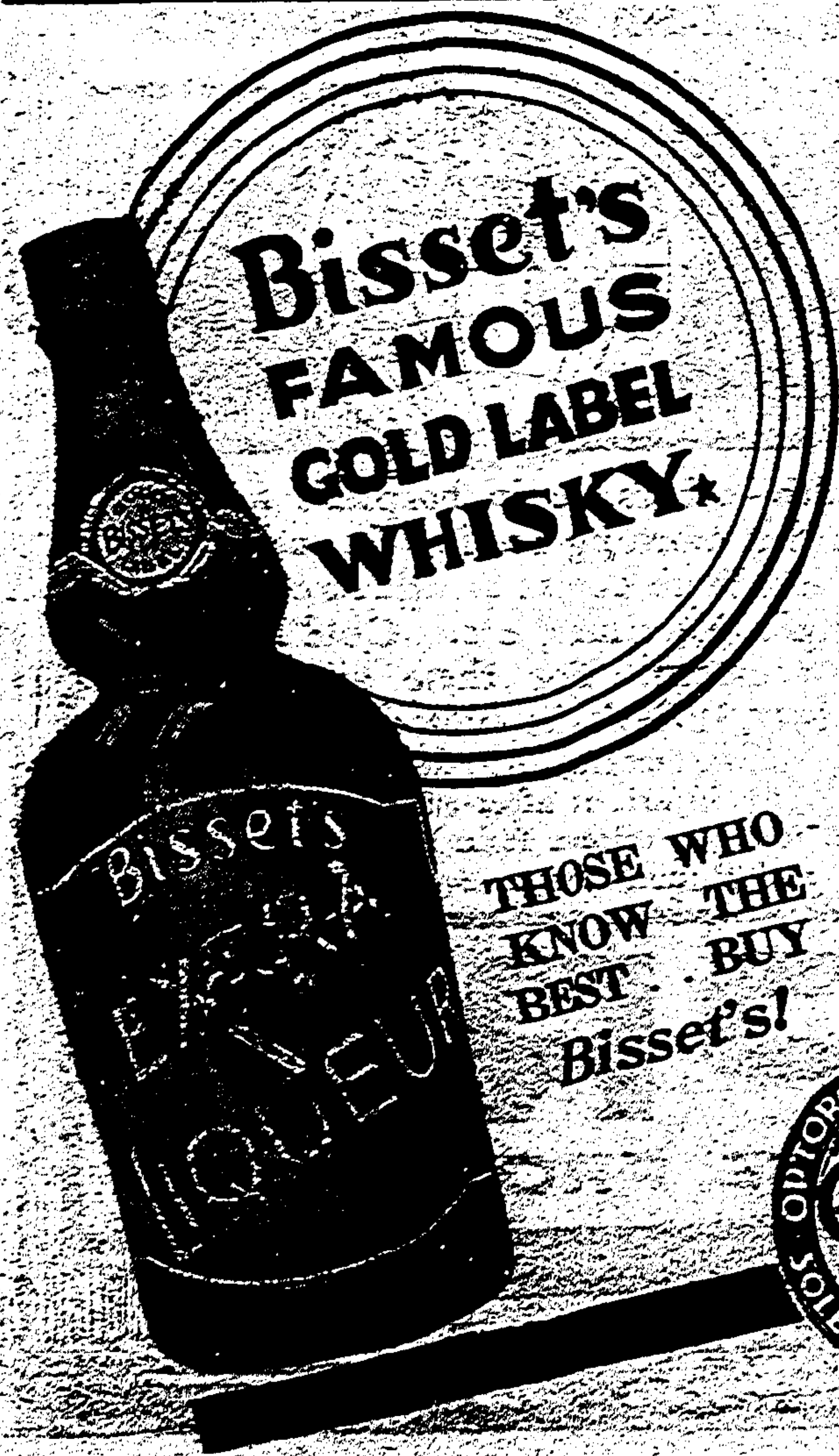
Deputations To Buckingham Palace

London, To-day.

Deputations from privileged bodies were received by the King at Buckingham Palace this morning and presented addresses of congratulation on His Majesty's accession.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, the Prime Minister, Lord Halifax and the Earl of Athlone were among those who headed deputations.

Altogether 13 bodies presented addresses and the King made a short reply to each presentation.—British Wireless.



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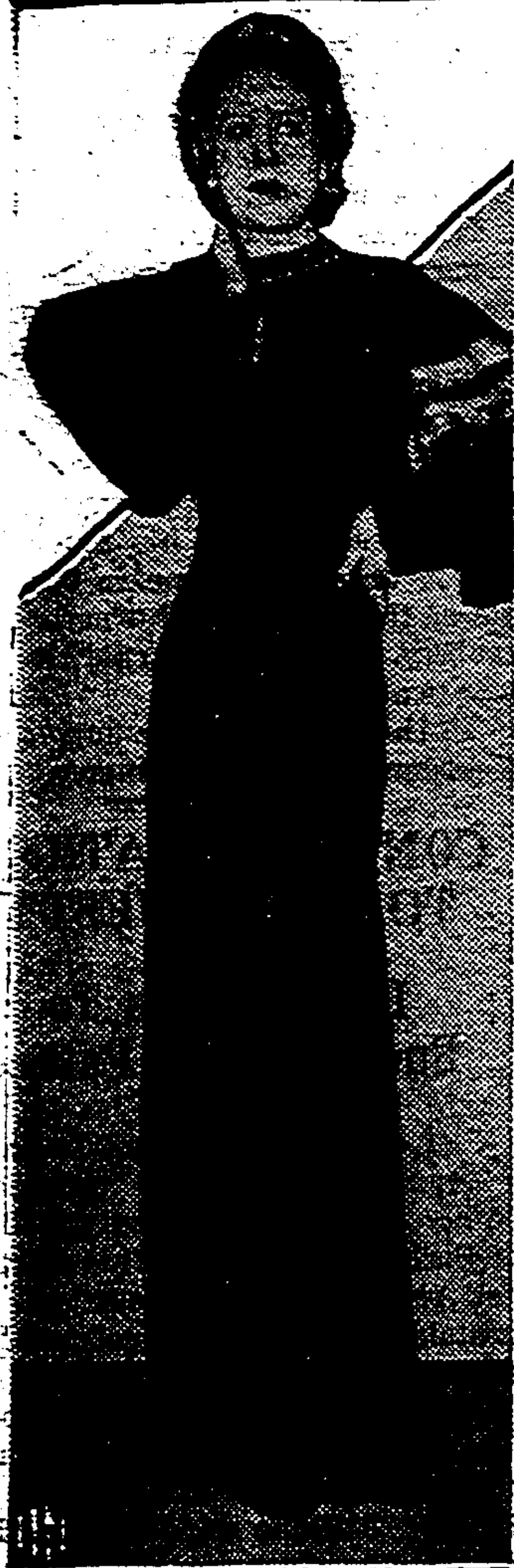
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"What can you do about it?" "Everything!" First of all take a good look round. Talk to the girls you know who have such wonderful jobs—and do a bit of hard thinking.

Mary may have a marvellous boss, but just think of the long hours she works compared to yours. Yvonne may tell you that her salary is double your own—well, she earns it, you know; she has studied in every spare moment she had and her job carries responsibility.

When you've thought things over I believe, if you're honest, you'll come to the conclusion that your job is not too bad after all, it's got its disadvantages (what job hasn't?), but it's got its advantages after all!

If, however, after taking yourself well to task you realise that you really do hate your job—then change it.

Remember, if you've a good job, keep it! Quite often it's you who are getting stale, not the job. Shake yourself up, look at your work from another angle, and really take an intelligent interest in it—don't do routine jobs mechanically but reason out why they have to be done and you'll find the job soon becomes interesting.

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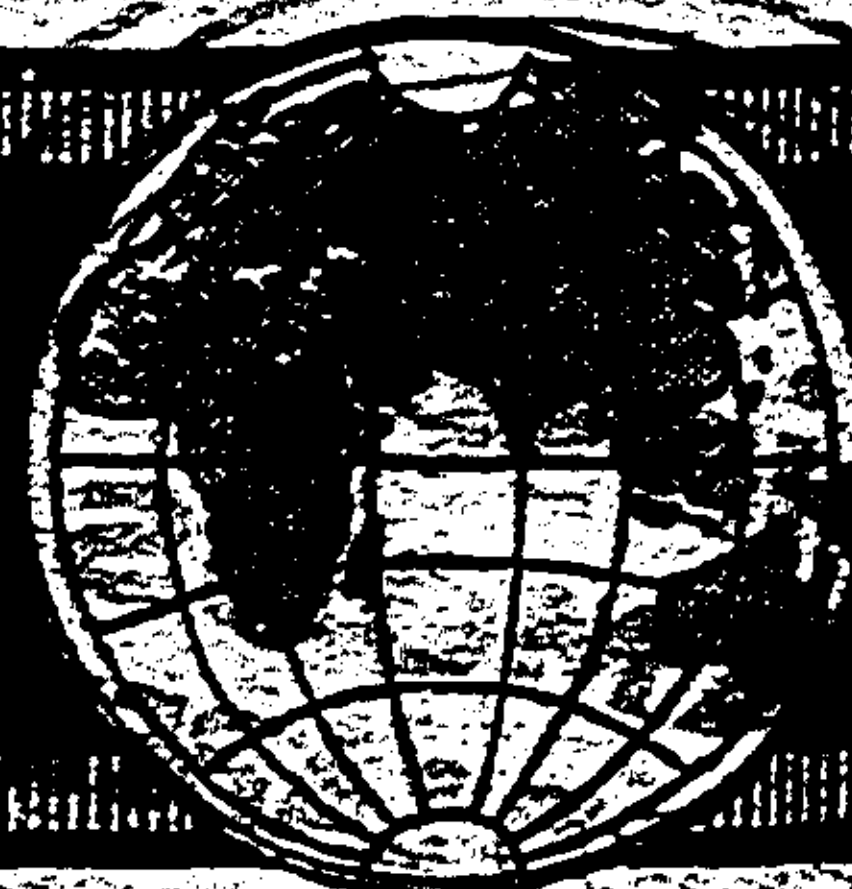
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KING LEOPOLD'S LONDON VISIT AROUSES SPECULATION

France And Germany Keenly Interested In Talks

Britain Hopes For Good Results

London, To-day.

King Leopold dined privately with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace last night, and the two monarchs had a long talk together during the evening.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, PREVIOUSLY HAD TWO LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH KING LEOPOLD.

THE CONVERSATIONS ARE DESCRIBED AS OF A CONFIDENTIAL CHARACTER AND BOTH SIDES ARE CONFIDENT THEY WILL LEAD TO GOOD RESULTS.

In Paris, the "Oeuvre" says that the Quai d'Orsay has submitted a memorandum to the British Foreign Office expressing the wish that the subjects now being discussed should be discussed only in diplomatic negotiations.

In Berlin, King Leopold's visit is being followed with keen attention by the German press.

BERLIN COMMENT

The "Berliner Lokalanzeiger" says that the British press publishes several proposals, for instance, the proposal of a general guarantee for Belgian neutrality, by which Belgium, however, would be obliged to make its defence forces strong enough to ward off hostile attacks without foreign assistance.

This proposal appears to be based on the supposition that Belgium would not be able to attain military strength sufficient for this purpose without foreign assistance, and would therefore be compelled to seek assistance from some Power.

Which Power that would be, the paper says, can easily be guessed.

ILLUSORY

It is moreover proposed to make Belgian neutrality to some extent illusory by linking up Belgian neutrality with Article XVI of the League Covenant under which a foreign army would have the right to march through Belgium when carrying out sanctions.

Only Powers supporting collective security would be interested in such an arrangement.

The paper continues by saying that King Leopold refuses to accept an arrangement under which Belgium would have to assume a guarantee for any other Power, since by such an arrangement Belgium might be easily involved.

ARTICLE XVI

The King also rejects the proposal that the provisional arrangement which was agreed upon after the Locarno Pact had been signed be converted into a permanent settlement, since the General Staff consultations, to which Belgium had agreed, might then easily become a military alliance.

By invoking Article XVI of the League Covenant, Britain and France are now attempting to persuade Belgium to agree to continuation of the Staff consultations.

The "Kölnische Zeitung" points out that King Leopold is above all anxious to keep Belgium out of any situation which might result in a conflict with a neighbouring country.

France, however, refuses to recognise the King's thesis of indivisible peace and seeks to divide this peace in accordance with its own wishes although the western pact was alleged to be based on the principle of individual peace.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

PRACTICAL ISSUES

London, March 23.

Discussions on the visit of King Leopold of the Belgians indicate that several practical issues connected with Belgian neutrality, have been thrown into sharp relief. At the banquet on Monday night at the Belgian Embassy, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Cabinet, as well as a number of prominent personalities of the political and economic life were present. Newspapers take it for granted that in the course of the evening King Leopold and Mr. Anthony Eden found ample opportunity to discuss Belgium's wishes concerning neutrality.

The morning papers take it for granted that Britain's attitude toward Belgian wishes concerning security and independence are not unfavourable, but that certain counter-promises are expected if Belgian independence is to be guaranteed.

AIR RAIDS

Two main demands are mentioned: One is that in the event of a hostile air attack, Belgium should "warn" Britain, and secondly that Belgium should place at the disposal of the guarantors one or all points from where hostile attacks could be undertaken against England or France.

The "Morning Post," discussing the eventual Belgian demands states that the most difficult question to settle would be the form and extent of military aid that England or France should extend in the event of Belgian territory being violated. France takes the view that any agreement not based on a military treaty is to all intents and purposes valueless.

BELGIUM'S ATTITUDE

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the difficulty lies in the fact that

FIRST COINS OF NEW KING'S REIGN

GIFTS TO AGED POOR

The first coinage of the new reign will, it is learned, be seen on March 25 at the distribution of the Royal Maundy.

The Maundy service and distribution will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral this year instead of at Westminster Abbey, because of the Coronation preparations. This course was followed in the year of the Coronation of King George V.

The service will be similar to that held in previous years.

The new coins are now being struck at the Royal Mint. When he was at Sandringham at Christmas the King gave sittings to the portrait modellers to the Royal Mint, Mr. P. Metcalfe and Mr. J. H. Paget.

Prized By Collectors

The coins distributed on Maundy Thursday are silver penny, twopenny, threepenny and fourpenny pieces specially struck for the occasion.

Although they are current coin of the realm, they do not pass into general use, as collectors pay considerably more for them than their actual value.

The recipients are old, poor and infirm men and women. There are as many of either sex as the years of the King's age. As the King is in his 42nd year, there will be 84 recipients this year.

The number of Maundy "pence" which each of them receives is also equal to the King's years. In addition the pensioners receive £1 for the redemption of the Sovereign's gown worn on the day of distribution, and £1.10s in lieu of provisions. There are also allowances of £2.5s for each man, and £1.15s in place of the former gifts of clothing.

His Majesty will not be present at the service. The Maundy money will be distributed by the Lord High Almoner, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang. The Bishop of London, Dr. Winnington Ingram, will attend the service.

Last year the distribution was made by King Edward VIII. The coins, however, bore the portrait of King George V.

Belgium wants to decide alone whether or not its integrity has been violated, and is of the opinion that it is difficult to say whether in all cases the great powers would agree to come to Belgium's assistance solely upon her findings.

The "Daily Telegraph" also reports that Belgium's greatest anxiety is caused by the Franco-Soviet pact and other similar alliances France has formed.

The "News Chronicle" is of the opinion that the League of Nations is the only power which can accept Belgium's demand for absolute independence, as it is the only authority which can exempt Belgium from the obligations of Article 16 of the Covenant.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL DISPLAY FOR CORONATION

Illumination Of Buildings

Householders and property holders are informed that the Hong Kong Government, through the Coronation Committee, are arranging for suitable illuminations during the Coronation celebrations.

The display will be somewhat similar, though a little more extensive, to that on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee. It is hoped that all property owners whose buildings are decorated under this scheme will make special and substantial contribution towards the cost in order that the charge to public funds may be reduced as much as possible.

Householders, especially those having residences in prominent positions, are cordially invited to cooperate in the illumination of the Colony, if only to the extent of a few lanterns, in order that there may be a first-class display worthy of the occasion.

CLUBS THAT ARE "VILE PLACES"

Corruption In The West End

Strong comment on what he described as "an affray in one of those horrible and vile places that exist in the West End of London under the title of a club," was made by the Recorder, Sir Holman Gregory, K.C., at the Old Bailey.

Four men were found guilty of attacking Nathaniel Simmons with a club and billiard cues at Fox's Club, Dean-street, Soho.

Sir Holman, addressing the jury, said:

"It is my unfortunate fate to have to listen to many similar cases in this Court. These places exist and do untold harm in the community, and I expect, having heard the evidence, you will agree with me that Parliament, without hesitation or delay, should take steps to stop them.

"I have said this time after time, but unfortunately they still exist.

Four Men Sentenced

"Young men are still being corrupted, fights are taking place, and the time of juries is taken up trying to find out the truth when men tell stories diametrically opposed one to the other.

"The unfortunate part of it, from the point of view of those who have to try such cases, is that many of the witnesses are of bad character. The majority of the frequenters of these places are persons of undesirable character."

He passed the following sentences: Charles William Wright, 30, porter, 12 months' hard labour; James Fredk. Wodet, 27, painter, 12 months' hard labour; Benjamin Joseph Freeman, 22, salesman, three months' hard labour; and Moses Black, 23, street trader, three months' hard labour.



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THE BRITISH CABINET

Mr. Stanley Baldwin's retirement, soon after the Coronation, is now accepted as a certainty, and the reshuffling of the Cabinet becomes a matter of supreme importance not only to Great Britain herself, but to the Empire as a whole. Indeed, the whole civilised world is watching and wondering. The Prime Minister is coming to the close of a notable career with a greatly enhanced prestige, and he will retire with a nation's esteem and gratitude made visible in the need for a reconstituted Cabinet holding the nation's confidence unimpaired. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is apparently accepted as Mr. Baldwin's successor, but with hesitancy on the part of certain Conservatives who have been restless for some time. Sir Samuel Hoare has their support, and his handling of the Abyssinian crisis up to the date of his retirement from the Foreign Office has not been accounted to him by his colleagues as altogether his mistake. It may even be imagined that Mr. Eden doubts whether he himself might not have handled the complicated problem more wisely.

One of the immediate questions now, however, is what is to be done with the League of Nations and how a new Prime Minister and a reconstituted Cabinet will deal with it. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is being debated with this in mind. The matter of overwhelming importance is whether he is the best man to hold a new Nationalist Government staunchly together. Probably at no time in our history has the future for Europe and the world seemed so difficult and confused, and only a strong and harmonious Britain can give the world a sense of security, no matter what Germany may say or do.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain at Downing Street as head of a strong Nationalist Cabinet will not have any need to consider another election. The last election was held in 1935, and the Labour element in Opposition did not make any serious gains. By-elections, of course, are always due, and up to the present the signs have not been adverse as far as the present Government is concerned. Greenock was lost to Labour and Preston was a Conservative victory. More recent by-elections have not disturbed the seats either way.

But the better functioning of a National Government is being discussed with the approaching change, and the "English Review" has been suggesting that the present political combination

unity in the country" which is to be desired. "This can only be achieved by a cultivation of that determination to challenge the Socialist hold on the trade unions, which was so enthusiastically applauded at the Margate Conference." Doubtless Mr. Winston Churchill will make his voice heard in other directions, for he has been an extremist in the matter of the Covenant and wants an armed international force to deal with disturbers of the peace. He has been a centre of disaffection and it is certain that he will preach force on behalf of peace, but with implications that would wreck any British Government that lent him a sympathetic ear. For the rest, the fate of Mr. Eden will be the subject of debate, until it is seen that he cannot be done without. His judgment is ripening and his undoubted experience and ability may make him still a real Ministerial asset.

Our Embassy At Madrid

The Spanish civil war has produced a number of self-sacrificing and devoted persons who will not be forgotten as long as that war is remembered. Conspicuous amongst them is Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, the British Charge d'Affaires in Madrid, who was the guest of honour at a Government banquet in Valencia last Friday prior to his departure to take up his new appointment in Berlin. The full extent of his achievement will in all probability never be known—the help given directly and indirectly to Spanish women and children, the tactful intervention on behalf of prisoners or men condemned to die or in danger of execution, and many other actions that had to be performed with the greatest diplomatic skill and discretion so as not to be construed as interferences with other people's affairs, however justified the interference might be from a humanitarian standpoint. The immense and superbly organised work of relief and evacuation done by the British navy in Spain is well known. That work has profited many who are not British subjects. The similar work of which Mr. Ogilvie Forbes was the centre is less well known, but all British residents in Madrid and the outlying regions, as well as many who are not British, will remember it with lifelong gratitude.

Join The Army And

The present difficulty of obtaining recruits is not unique in the British Army. At various periods in our history men were shy about offering their services as soldiers. An appeal issued in 1801 when recruits were urgently required for the Light Dragoons is so subtly phrased that perhaps the War Office might adopt a similar type of verbal strategy to arouse the soldiering complex in the modern young man:

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One Thing or Another

The theory has been advanced that the men who took the sword of Wallace from the National Wallace Monument are keeping it "as a thing to swear on until Scotland is free."

I know a motorist who is keeping in his private collection a Belisha Beacon and two policemen's helmets to swear AT.

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CONTORTIONIST

A football report states: "The centre-forward made a dashing run, with the ball at his toes, but when well inside the penalty area he lost his head and shot it over the bar."

No doubt, seizing the ball between his teeth, and dropping it behind the goalkeeper and into the net.

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PUZZLE

A woman who served as Mayor of a borough during her husband's year of office as Mayor has now been appointed Mayor herself.

Does the husband now become Mayoress?

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FIERCE

"Wearing an orange-coloured blouse, brown shorts, green stockings, and white shoes, a woman battled against the wind and rain in a walking race."—Daily newspaper.

I should imagine the rain eventually got the wind up and signed the pledge.

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MAN-HUNT

"Two nurses chased a pyjama-clad young man through the streets. He ran into his fiancée's house, crying, 'Please hide me.'"

I didn't realise the problem of surplus women was so serious.

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NICE PLACE, THIS

A German journalist thinks that Britain has a genius for national propaganda. Royal processions, the Lord Mayors' Shows, and "All spectacular events in British politics," he says, are just brought about to let other people know what a fine country Britain is.

With special reference, of course, to the Farrow and Welsh unemployed marchers.

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THIS MODERN MUSIC

"Crouching like a cat over his orchestra, Dr. Karl Böhm created great attention."—Opera report.

I don't wonder.

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WRONG PAGE

This lotion is splendid for reducing the redness which is so disfiguring. (By the way, it is splendid for a red nose, too!)—*Woman's Page article.*

Very good, no doubt, but why put it on the woman's page?

The language all America is speaking to-day and the rest of the world to-morrow?

Henry Harris Learns To Talk— SLANGUAGE!

"Smooamonyethlessenogrease." Snapped the lean, dyspeptic-looking New Yorker over the drug-store counter. A drugstore—if you must know—is where they dispense sandwiches.

I was to learn, before leaving Broadway that what he wanted was a smoked salmon sandwich on rye bread with lettuce, but without butter or mayonnaise dressing.

English is a useful language to know on Broadway, but for real comfort it is not enough.

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"I guess I've got the heebie-jeebies, the jitters, the yips and the fantods." My slangster friend feels a bit low.

"I'm a little irritable myself, got ants in the pants, bees in the sox." So we stroll together down the Hardened Artery, the Main Drag, the Main Stem, the Great White Way, Mazda Lane, the Gulch, the Grandest Canyon—in short, Broadway. Centre of New York's night life.

"We look into a sinspot, nightspot, hotspot, nitery, or just spot (a late restaurant) to see a floorshow (cabaret). If the performers are coloured, it is a 'sepia sinspot.'"

Knowing my friend's tastes—and needs—I suggest a "jolt" of gin, a Scotch highball (whisky and soda), or some other form of stagger-soup, whoopee-water, tonic-paint, silly milk, or giggle-water. As I linger between drinks, he reminds me that "it does not age in the glass."

If we have escorts, we take the floor for a "twister." My friend gulps another Scotch highball. He is a little shy about his hoofing abilities, and has to be "half high" before he can get up to "twitch, totter and tittivate" to the nifty sepia swing "combo" (band).

The floor-show begins and my friend is charm-struck by the chorine second left second row.

"My God, but she has McGoo (sex appeal)." "She's a lallapaloozer" ("a fair beauty," we might say—originally a beautiful sunset). The crooner is just too languid and ingratiating. "O he's bananas."

We ask for the "bad news" (the bill) and totter our way dreamily—I to my hotel, he to the "jungle" (suburbs).

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Here is some more if you want to understand all you will hear in the movies.

To be "goopy" is to be sloppy, especially in love. To be "moody" is to be sloppy in talk, to talk baby talk. A sloppy speech, however, is "flavoured with goo."

If you're "whacky," you're crazy—probably with rage. If you're "in the doghouse now," your stocks are low, you're not persona grata any more. To "mooch" is to let someone else pay the bill, to cadge—cigarettes frinstance.

"A Bronx cheer" (I first heard the expression at a scientific meeting) is a rude disapproving noise. A "dydee doll" is a doll which performs some of the natural functions and is made for the modern child.

A "core thumps lunch" is obtained in the Automat where you drop dimes in a slot and twist levers with your thumb to get the food.

A pretty girl is a "nice piece of homework," whereas the wife is the "headache."

Anything mechanical or electrical—phone or car—that won't work is "on the fritz" or "it won't perk."

To "boon-doggle" is to fuss about and make unnecessary work. It is used by whichever political party is not in power to mean money-spending on unnecessary enterprises in order to make jobs for someone. To "phone-doggle" is to phillander or otherwise waste time on the 'phone.

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"What's she got that I ain't got?"

Expression commonly used by virtuous wives or faithful sweethearts apropos of beautiful actresses, glamorous stars, provocative "strip-teasers." Corresponding expression not yet used by men.

Where does all this slang come from?

Much percolates from tramp and underworld slang via the newspaper columnists, the theatres, the floor-shows. Most of it is invented by talented journalists and writers.

Slangster No. 1 is Walter Winchell.

What Winchell writes to-day—Broadway and Hollywood try to talk to-morrow.

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Typical Winchellisms

To get married is to "middle-aisle it," to be merged, welded, sealed, riveted, lohengrined.

To be in love is to be That Way about someone, to be "uh-huh," or "hmmmmmm," or "ohmygoodness" about each other, to be closer than half-past-six, to have the same temperature, to have lips that fit, to wear each other's hands for gloves.

A sweetheart is one's latest insomnia, sighmaker, heart-thump.

To divorce or contemplate divorce is to be Reno-vated, to be zig-zaggy, on the Verge, tugging at the leash, about to reach That Verdict, about to have it unwound, unravelled, curdled, melted. A divorce case is a "melting complaint."

People who have separated have "phffft" (pronunciation?—don't ask me!).

To expect an addition to the family is to infanticipate an heirrival, a blessed he-vent or she-vent. To be storked, to expect another image, to be trif'd, about to become three. "The Joneses are bundle-from-heavening, expect to increase the papa-lation."

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Why as a psychologist am I interested in slang?

Because the slang of to-day contains in it the language of to-morrow.

Language is a technical device for the manipulation of thoughts, and as such must be continuously experimented with and improved. Slang is that experimenting.

Because words are weapons and every new word, created and accepted into the language, is a new weapon, a tool, against human ignorance and misconception.

Because slang is a healthy and vital way of getting vivid emotions off one's chest, of expressing rather than repressing, of revealing rather than concealing.

And like a little judicious, well-timed swearing, that is good for the mind's health.

Finally, because I like it. So what?



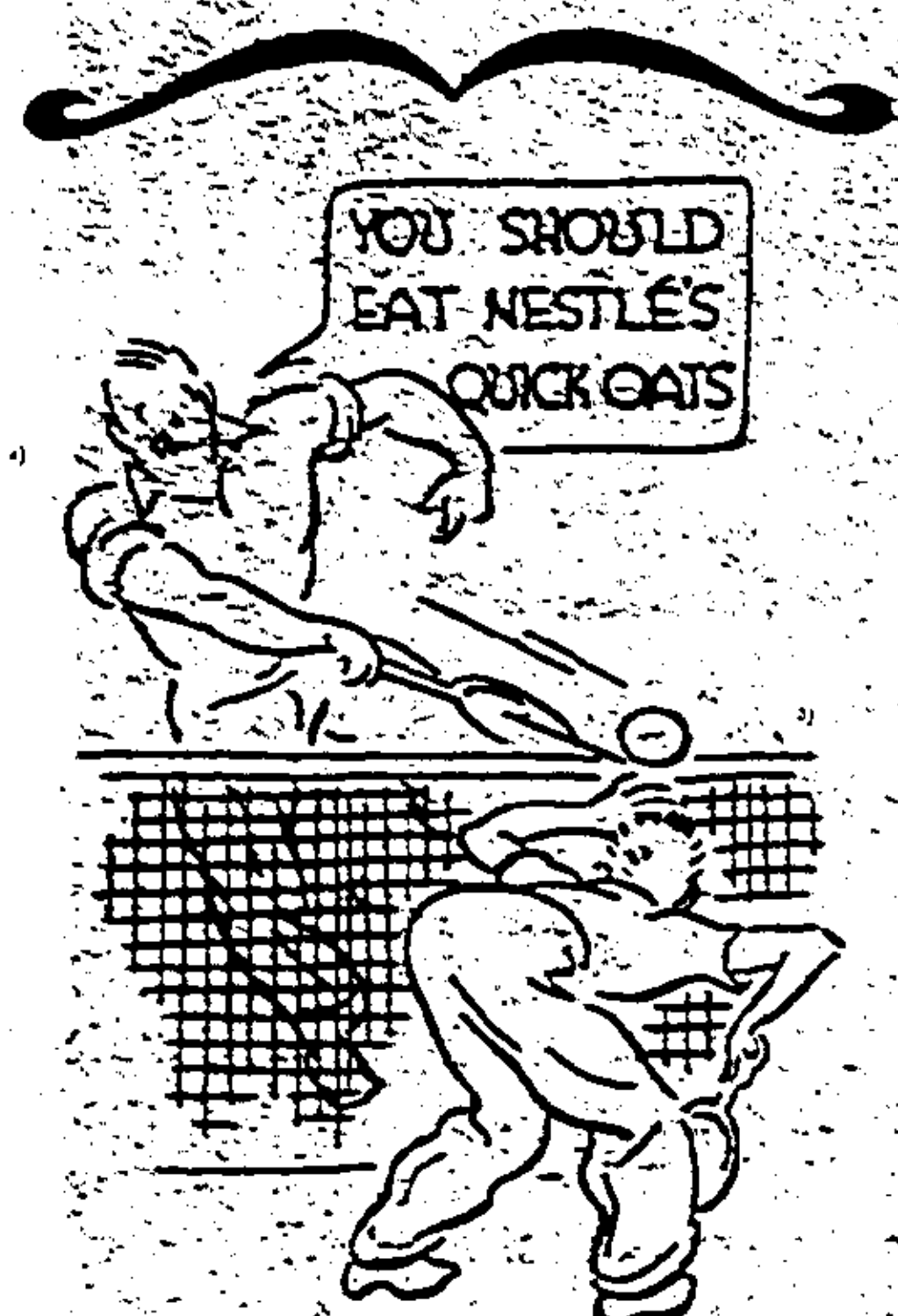
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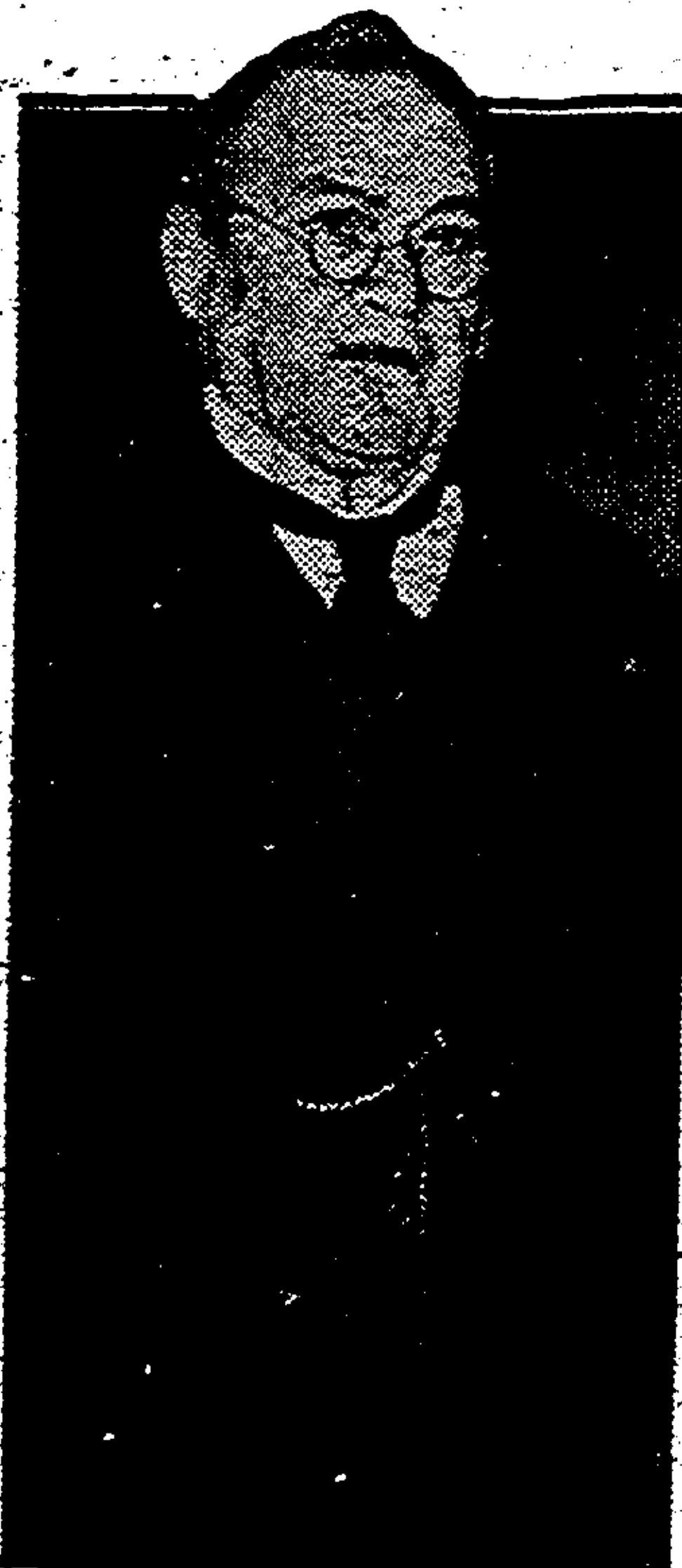
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ITALY'S POWER IN NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH CONTROL

London, To-day.

Commenting on the manoeuvres which the Italian fleet is still holding off the Libyan coast, the "Daily Telegraph" expresses the opinion that the exercises are intended to demonstrate to the world that Italy will in the event of war be able to close the Mediterranean to foreign shipping.

AFTER EXAMINING THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE ITALIAN NAVY, THE PAPER, HOWEVER, DENIES THAT THE ITALIAN FLEET IS ALREADY STRONG ENOUGH TO INTERRUPT THE MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING ROUTES IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

Submarines, cruisers and aeroplanes, on which Italy mainly relies, would not suffice for such a task.

In order to control the Mediterranean, the paper says, Italy must have a large fleet of battleships and a marked superiority in cruisers, destroyers and planes as compared with the strongest forces of the potential enemy.

HINDER BUT NOT STOP

At present, however, no marked Italian superiority in this line, exists, and it is improbable that the relative strength of the Italian navy will be greater than to-day when the new British and French programmes of naval construction have been carried out.

Italy might, therefore, perhaps be able to hinder considerably the movements of merchant ships in the Mediterranean, but it is extremely improbable that she can ever seriously impede the movements of a powerful battle fleet in the event of war.

The paper expresses surprise that the Italian Government to whom these facts must be known is nevertheless encouraging the Italian press to speak of "Italian naval dictatorship in the Mediterranean."

Actually, the paper concludes, Italy is far more easily vulnerable to air raids and naval action in the Mediterranean than either England or France.—Trans-Ocean.

Reform Of U.S. Supreme Court

Washington, To-day.

Chief Justice Hughes yesterday expressed a number of objections to the President's proposals for judicial reform.

He stated that an increase in the number of judges would lessen the efficiency of the court, whereas President Roosevelt maintains that the number must be increased in order to keep abreast of the work of the Supreme Court.—Reuter.



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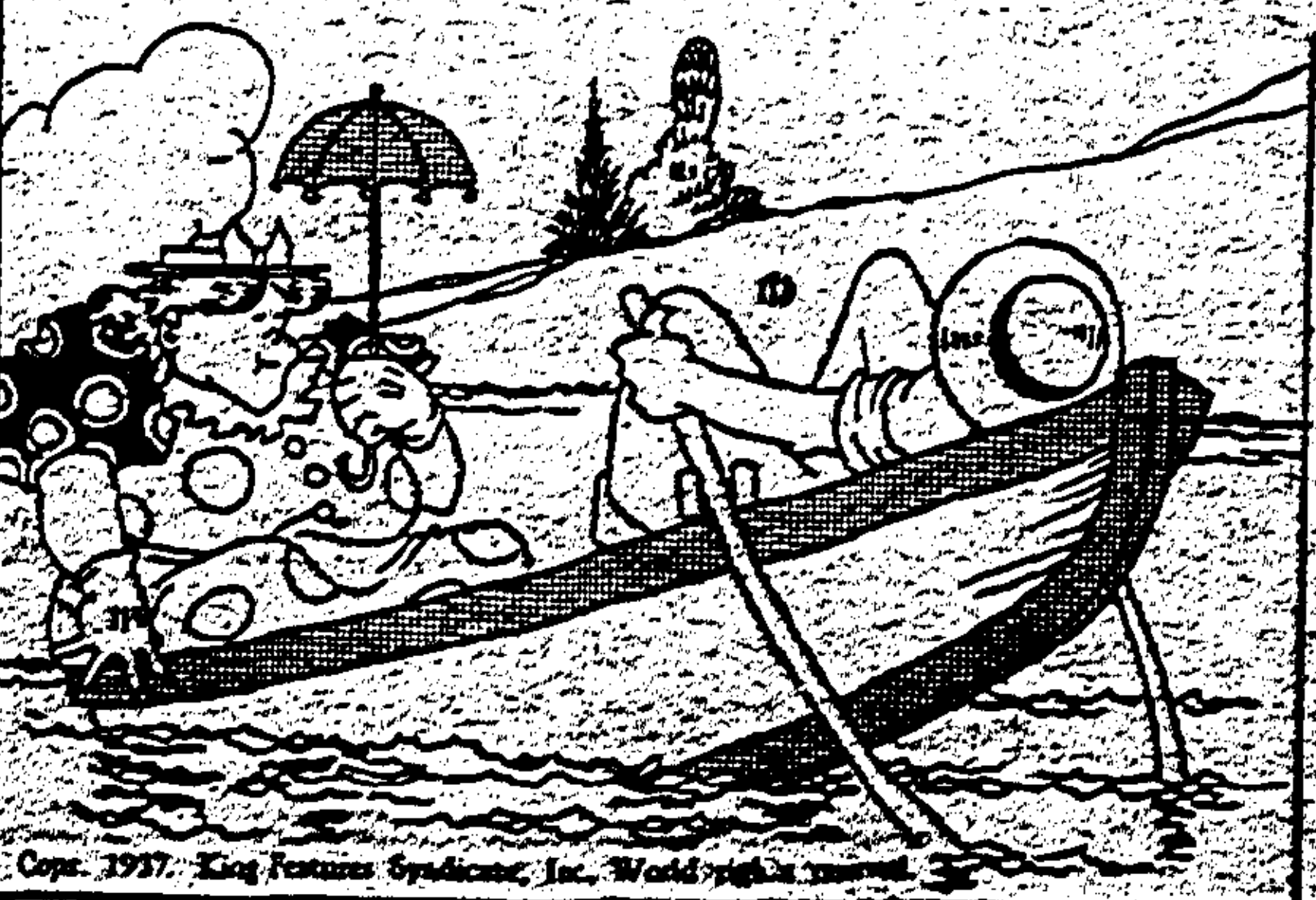
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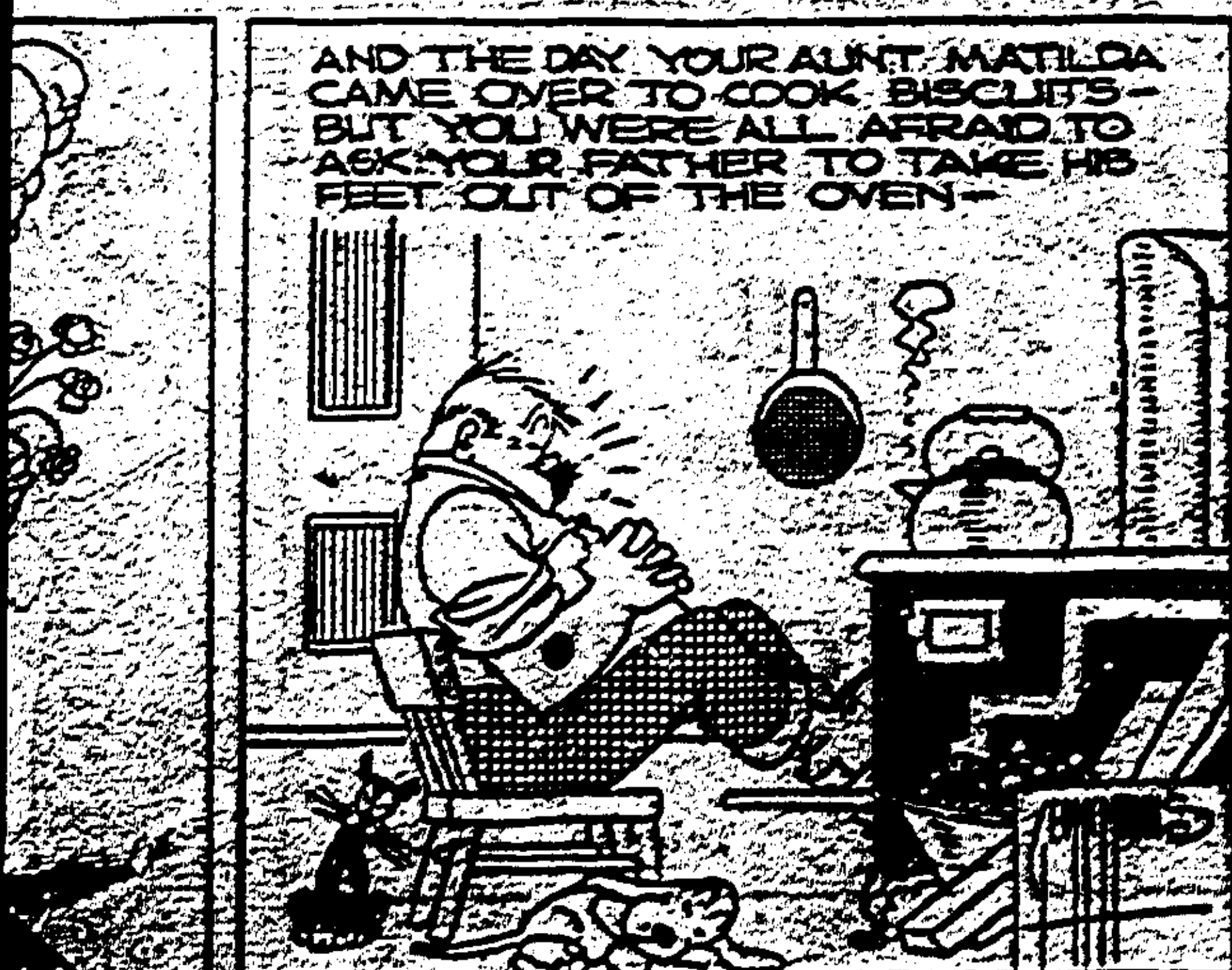
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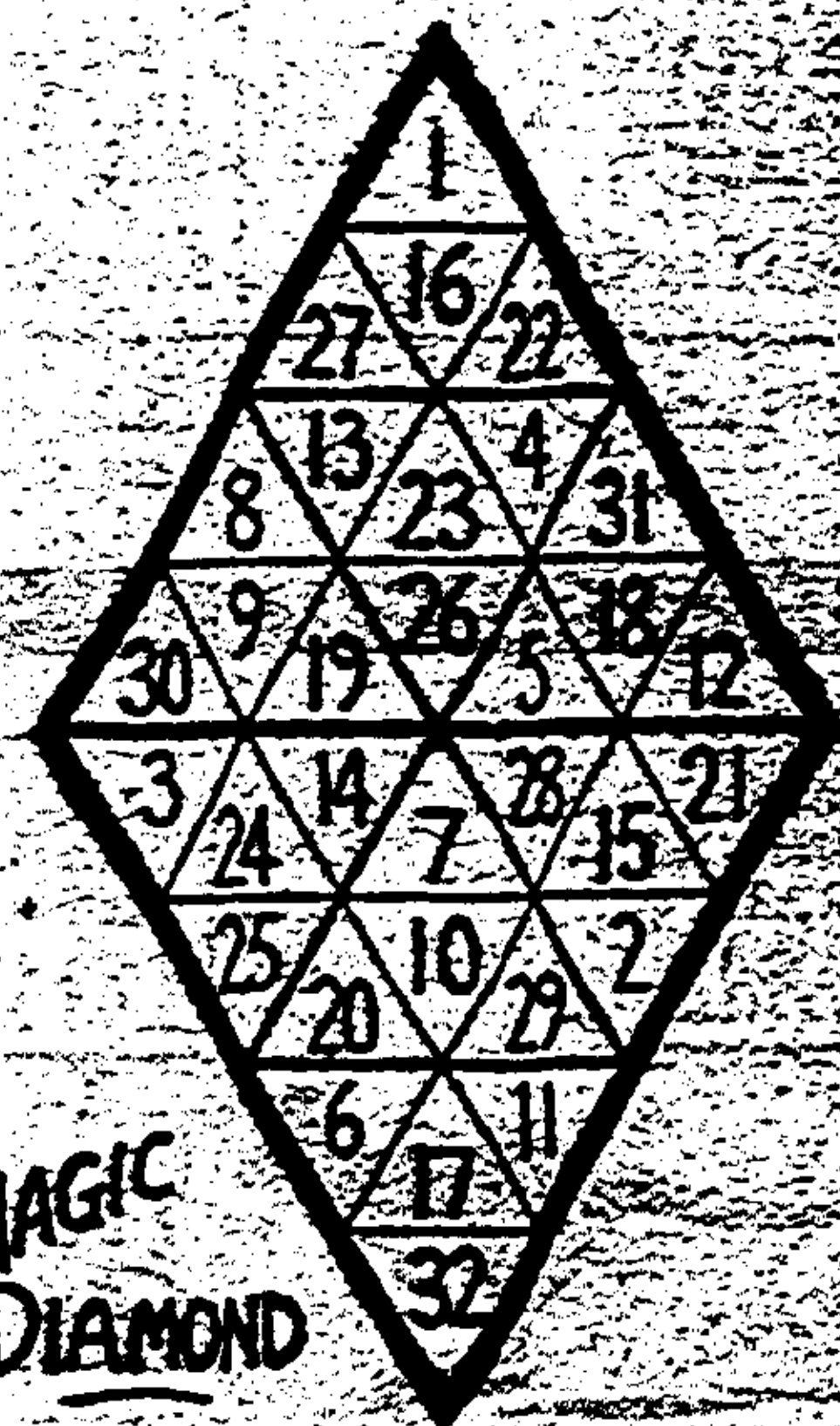


his loyalist soldier is bidding his wife a fond farewell as he sets her with a memento before leaving for the Guadalajara front. Republicans have caused general surprise by their smashing victory in this sector during the last few days.

By George McManus



"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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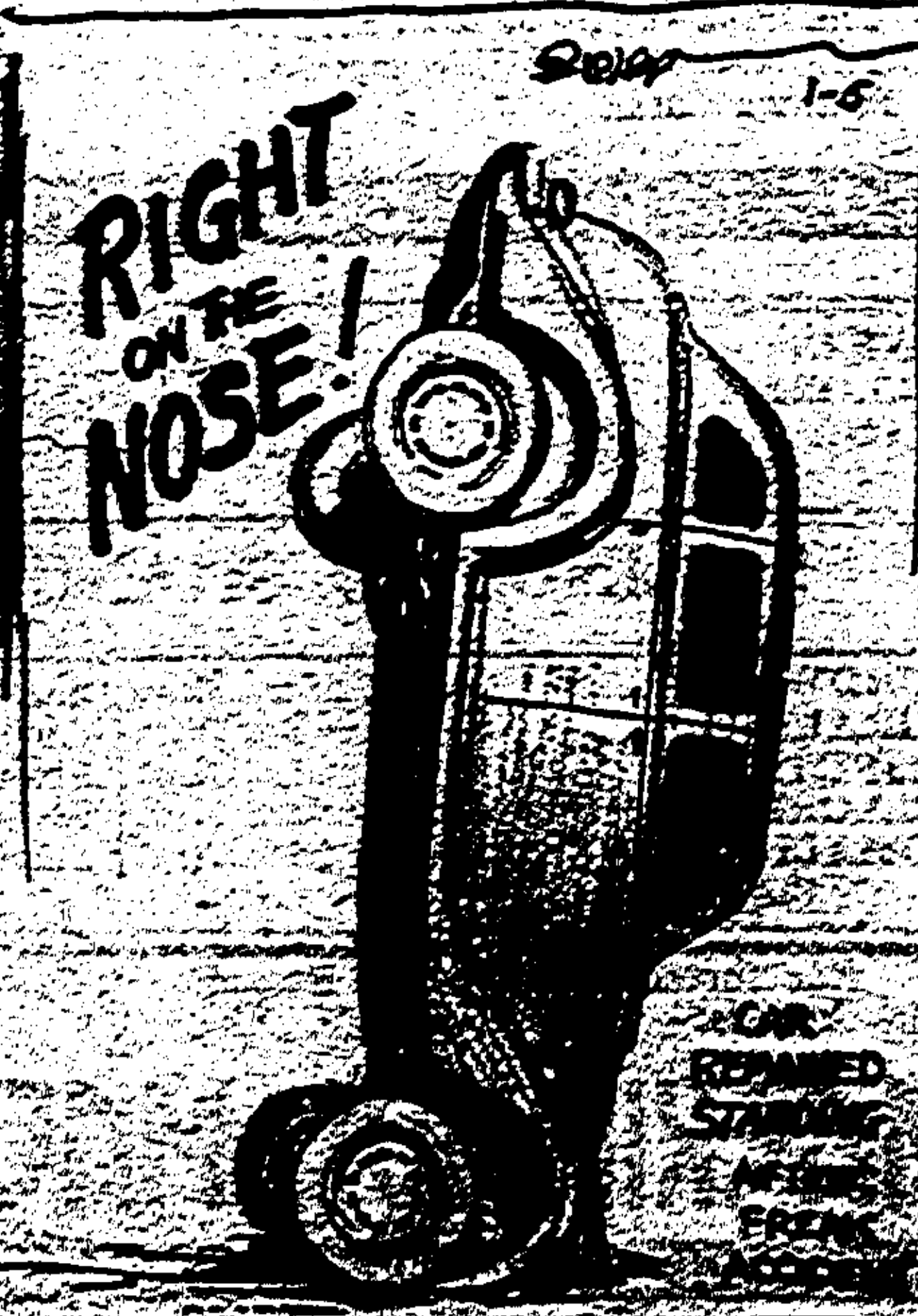
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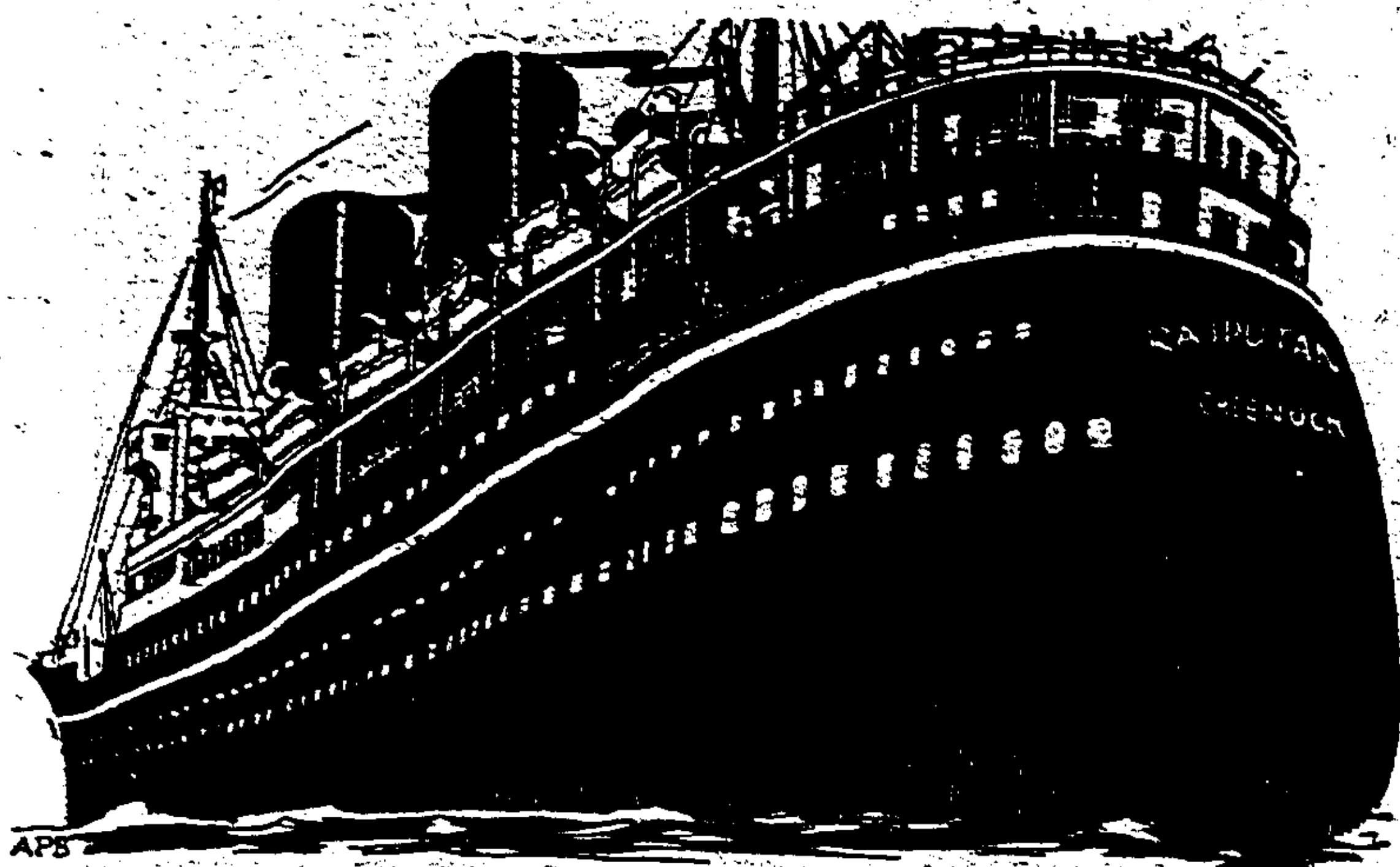
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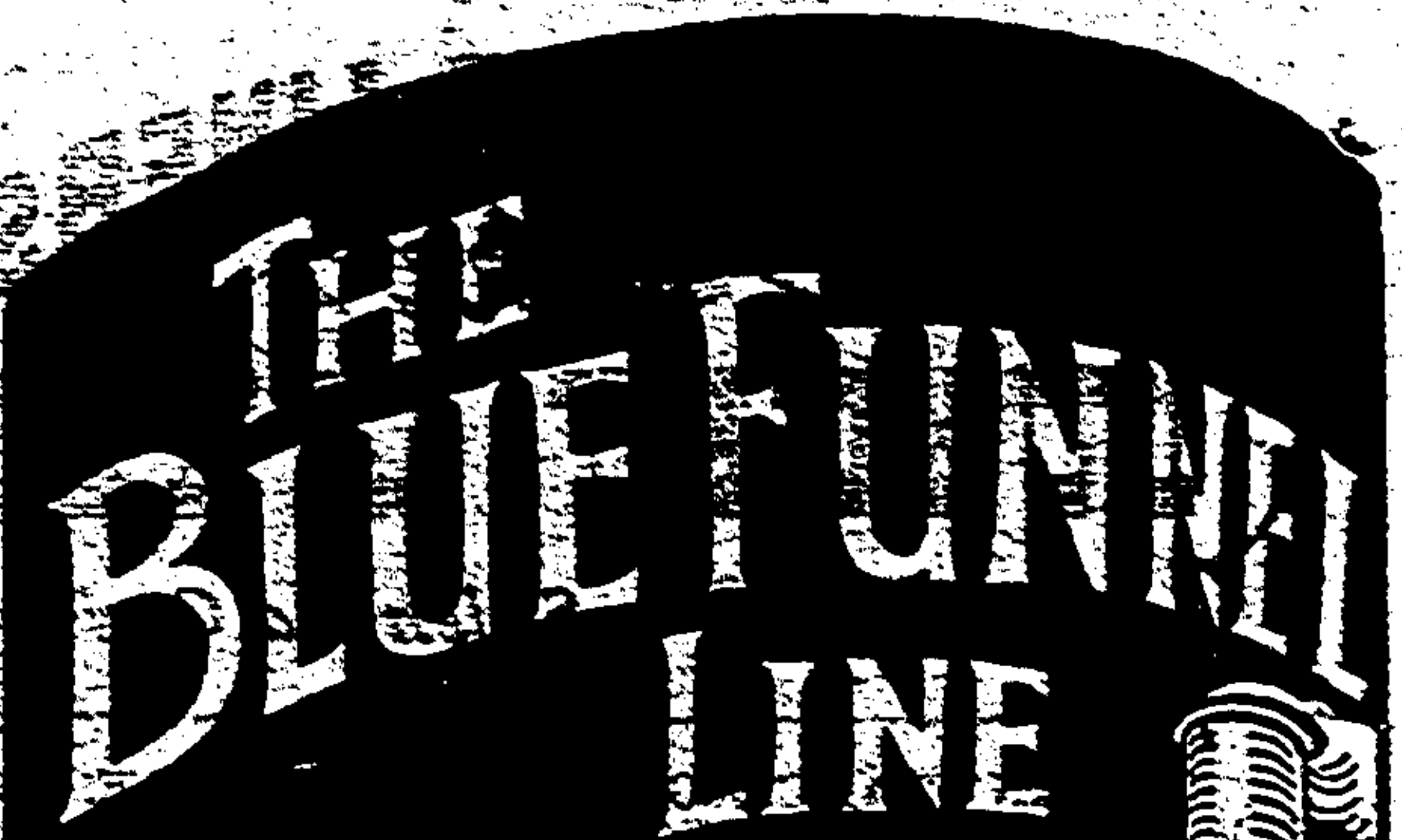

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The Imports and Exports Department (Statistical Branch) reports that the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of February, 1937 totalled \$69.4 millions (£4.3 millions), as compared with \$55.2 millions (£3.6 millions) in February, 1936.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 25.7 per cent in February, 1937 as compared with February, 1936, and by 19.4 per cent in terms of sterling.

Imports of Merchandise totalled \$38.5 millions (£2.4 millions), as compared with \$30.3 millions (£2.0 millions), and exports \$30.9 millions (£1.9 millions), as compared with \$24.9 millions (£1.6 millions).

Imports increased by 27.1 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 20.0 per cent in terms of sterling. Exports increased by 24.1 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 18.8 per cent in terms of sterling.

TWO MONTHS' COMPARISON

During the first two months of 1937 imports of merchandise totalled \$78.3 millions (£4.8 millions), as compared with \$64.1 millions (£4.1 millions) in the corresponding period of 1936, and exports \$65.0 millions (£4.0 millions), as compared with \$48.5 millions (£3.1 millions).

Imports increased by 22.2 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 17.1 per cent in terms of sterling, whilst exports increased by 34.0 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 29.0 per cent in terms of sterling.

The following table shows comparative figures of imports and exports of Merchandise and Treasure during the months of February, 1937 and February 1936:—

	IMPORTS	
	Feb. 1937	Feb. 1936
Merchandise	\$38,451,261	\$30,319,310
Treasure	\$ 856,767	\$ 4,683,866
Total	\$39,308,028	\$35,003,176
	EXPORTS	
	Feb. 1937	Feb. 1936
Merchandise	\$30,904,672	\$24,365,144
Treasure	\$ 2,228,179	\$ 6,888,826
Total	\$33,132,851	\$31,253,970



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PORTUGAL SECURE HOCKEY WIN

IRELAND UNLUCKY TO LOSE

NOLAN AND WALL GIVE FINE DISPLAYS

GONSALVES AS A FULL-BACK

(By "ADREM")

IRISH fighting spirit was much in evidence in the local International hockey semi-final match played at King's Park yesterday afternoon. Although a goal in arrears five minutes from full time, the gallant Irish team refused to admit defeat and it seemed that their repeated onslaughts on the Portuguese goal must meet with success. The opposition defence proved equal to the occasion, however, and kept their goal intact, to give Portugal the right of entry to the final by the odd goal in three.

ALTHOUGH THE GAME WAS NEVER MARKED BY ANY PARTICULAR BRILLIANCE, THE KEENNESS OF BOTH TEAMS MORE THAN MADE UP FOR THE LACK OF SKILL, AND INTEREST WAS MAINTAINED UNTIL THE FINAL WHISTLE.

Both defences must take the honours. In the winners' team, a rather unusual line-up strengthened, rather than weakened the side. Gonsalves, ordinarily a left-half, played at right-back in partnership with Rodrigues, and very well indeed did he perform. His speedy interceptions and keen tackling proved a constant worry to Nolan and Wall, the Irish left-wing combination.

Rodrigues while being slightly on the slow side, positioned himself excellently and was generally reliable. The intermediate-line, on paper, should have been the strongest department in the team. It was good without doubt, but the Irish forwards should never have been allowed to break through as often as they did.

OLIVEIRA WORKS HARD
Oliveira, in the pivotal position lacked finesse, but he more than made up for any shortcomings by his dashing tackling and hard work. Beltrao, at left-half, although playing in a strange position, kept his wing well in check, although it must be taken into consideration that Otway, on the opposition right-flank, had a decided off-day and spoiled several promising openings which Harris, his inside man, had worked for.

The forward-line was disappointing, Angelo being the only man who ever looked dangerous. He played a fine constructive game on the left-wing, in the first half, and at inside-left, in the second, a particularly pleasing feature of his display being the manner in which he swung the ball about.

PINTO SELFISH
Pinto scored both goals, but was too selfish and the entire inside trio never worked smoothly together.

The outstanding men in the losing team were Boyd, in goal, and Moore, at right-half. The former gave a cool display and showed excellent judgment in leaving his charge. He saved at least one certain goal from Pinto, when this player was through on his own, by meeting him on the edge of the circle and deflecting the ball round the post.

Moore, provided he stays in the Colony, is going to make his presence felt in representative games. He is exceptionally clever on the reverse stick, lends good support in



attack, and clears with great power and precision.

BOSTON SLOW

Wilson and Ray were a robust pair of backs and never gave much away, but Boston, in the pivotal position, was a shade too slow.

The pick of the forwards was Nolan, on the left-wing. He put in a colossal amount of work and in the closing stages of the game, was a constant source of danger to the tiring Portuguese defence. Wall, his inside partner, lent him good support as did Ryland and Harris. Through passes down the centre of the field featured the tactics of the attack.

In the initial part of the game, Portugal had slightly the better of exchanges, but once the opposition had settled down, play became far more even. Towards the end of the first half, Wall netted with a poor shot, which Souza misjudged, but within a few minutes of the breather, Pinto equalised.

WALL SHINES

The second period was well advanced before Pinto again scored with a fine reverse-stick shot following a melee in the goalmouth, and from that time onward there was only one team in the picture. —Ireland.

Ireland made gallant efforts to equalise, Wall and Nolan being especially prominent, and were most unfortunate that their efforts did not meet with more success. The winners must be considered rather fortunate to have reached the final without having to replay.

Portugal:—Souza; J. Gonsalves and A. M. Rodrigues; R. Marques, L. Oliveira and N. Beltrao; F. Nolao, J. M. Pinto, B. T. Gosano, A. Angelo and P. Souza.

Ireland:—Boyd; Lt. Wilson and Lt. Cpl. Ray; Lt. Cpl. Moore, Rfm. Boston and Sgt. Hayden; Lt. Otway, Lt. Harris, Capt. Ryland, J. Wall and Rfm. Nolan.



Bertie Gosano, above, led the victorious Portuguese attack in yesterday's local International hockey match against Ireland.

TO-DAY'S LAWN TENNIS PROGRAMME

K. Shute To Meet S.S. Hussain

M. PAGH SHOULD SUCCEED

The Colony Open Tennis Championships this afternoon are confined to singles encounters, several of which promise to be fairly interesting.

Kenneth Shute will be seen in opposition to S. S. Hussain, and although he has some beautiful strokes in his repertoire, the experienced Hussain should win, although a close fight seems to be indicated.

Capt. Corringer, of whom very little is known, will make his second appearance in the competition. In his First Round game he scored a smashing victory over S. S. Chin, and it will be interesting to see how he will fare against an old campaigner like Wong Shin-wing.

M. Pagh, an excellent player from the baseline, will meet Y. W. Lee, and R. L. Withington the U.S.R.C. player, will oppose P. C. Lee, of the University.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

Open Singles Championship
Wei Chung or S. S. Hussain v. K. Shute
R. L. Withington v. P. C. Lee
M. Pagh v. Y. W. Lee
Capt. Corringer v. Wong Shin-wing
Club Singles Championship
G. Polgase v. J. Thomson
Club Handicap Singles
A. C. I. Bowker (scr.) v. W. Stoker (+3.6)
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F. G. Nigel and R. M. M. King (+4.6) v. E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb (+1.5)
F. V. Harrison and A. S. Read (+5.6) v. R. H. Griffiths and J. A. R. Selby (+3.6)
T. C. Monaghan and V. R. Gordon (-5.6) v. G. S. Chambers and J. Hall (scr.).

CLUB HOCKEY TEAM TO MEET SAPPERS

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Royal Engineers to-day at 5.10 p.m. on the U.S.R.C. ground:

S. Benwell, E. V. Read, G. Sommer, H. Starbuck, J. Potter (captain), R. A. Bates, S. Fowler, G. Fowler, G. E. R. Divett, B. Bickford and V. Bond.

RIFLES MUST BEAT POLICE TO-DAY

Postponed Soccer Programme

FUSILIERS MEET KUMOANS

Though a number of postponed League football games have been re-arranged, it is doubtful whether all will be played as the co-operation of clubs in some cases has not been sought, and notification has reached them somewhat late.

The only important game in to-day's programme is the encounter between the Rifles and Police, at Sookunpoo, and in view of the fact that the former are now equal in points to South China "A", they cannot, at this late stage of the League, afford to take the slightest risk and lose even a point.

The Rifles lost both their last games to the Seaforths and Recreio, but there is no reason to believe that they will not obtain both the points to-day, as the Police have been showing very poor form throughout the season.

In the Third Division, the Fusiliers should consolidate their position at the head of the League Table with a comfortable win over the Kumaon Rifles, and a good game should be witnessed between the European Police and Recreio, at Chatham Road.



The following is to-day's programme:

FIRST DIVISION

RIFLES v. Police
(Sookunpoo, 5.15 p.m.)
Navy v. St. Joseph's
(Causeway Bay, 5.15 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

South China v. ENGINEERS
(Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

FUSILIERS v. Kumaon Rifles
(Prince Edward Road, 3 p.m.)
Chinese Police v. AIR FORCE
(Prince Edward Road, 5.15 p.m.)
MEDICALS v. Engineers
(Sookunpoo, 3 p.m.)
European Police v. RECREIO
(Chatham Road, 5.15 p.m.)

MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Potential Runners-Up To Meet Recreio "B"

At King's Park this evening the Chinese Recreation Club will encounter Recreio "B" in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, the match being a return fixture.

The C.R.C. players have displayed brilliant form recently and are potential runners-up in the League. They should carry away the honours this evening, as they are fielding the same team as before, but their hosts will probably make some changes in their combination.

P. WONG SHOULD WIN COLONY TITLE

AGREEMENT FOR FIRST TEST MATCH

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Cricket history is being made in the Test match now in progress at Melbourne. The record of £75,325 for the takings in a Test series is already beaten by the margin of £5,000.

But it was cricket history of another generation that gave me a fascinating fireside hour last week — an hour when great names of the past were recalled from memory and their owners visualised in the setting that accompanied the first encounters between the cricket elevens of England and Australia. I was reading the agreements binding the various parties concerned in the original Test matches played in Australia in 1876-77. They form part of a collection of cricket papers owned by Mr. H. V. Walmsley Taylor, of Chichester.

BY RUBBISH DEALER

These Test documents were discovered some years ago when a rubbish dealer was ordered to remove the litter from a solicitor's offices after his death. He accidentally kicked a bundle of old papers apart and caught sight of the name "Lillywhite" on one of them.

A keen cricket follower himself, the name of the great Sussex player had a special significance for the dealer, so he stopped his rubbish clearing to investigate. In this lucky way the historic records were saved from destruction.

The papers include the outlined scheme of the tour and instructions to the solicitor, Sir Robert Raper, to prepare the documents; the manuscript and the completed drafts, as well as the completed agreements.

GREAT NAMES

The first agreement is between "Arthur Hobgen, of Mapsons, Sidlesham, Sussex, Esquire, and James Lillywhite, of Westamptnett, in the county of Sussex, Cricketer." Lillywhite was captain of the team.

The second is between James Lillywhite and the other eleven men, who signed below Lillywhite as follows:

James Southerton, Henry Jupp, Henry Charlwood, Edward Pooley, of Sussex and Surrey C.C.C.'s, witnessed by H. Heather, of Chichester, Gentleman; Allen Hill, Thomas Emmett, George Ulyett, Thomas Armitage, of Yorkshire C.C.C., witnessed by J. B. Wokstenholm, secretary of the club; Andrew Greenwood, of Hampshire C.C.C., witnessed by Thomas Hanson, of Dalton, Hants, joiner, Alfred Shaw (whose name was added after the engraving of the document), John Selby, of Nottinghamshire C.C.C., witnessed by Richard Daft, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.

ARTHUR HOBGEN

Arthur Hobgen agreed to advance the sum of £2,000 to Lillywhite by September 21, 1876, the day of the team's departure from England, and, in the event of his accompanying the team only, a further £1,000 "within six days of the

P. K. HUI DEFEATED IN SEMI-FINAL

OLIVEIRA ELIMINATED BY T. C. LEE

TWO "INCIDENTS" IN EVENING

(By "REFEREE")

SPARKLING badminton featured the Semi-Finals of the Men's Singles Championship played last night before a large and enthusiastic gathering, when Patrick H. Wong confounded his critics by beating P. K. Hui in a match full of thrills, which went to three sets before a final decision was arrived at, while T. C. Lee experienced little difficulty in overcoming M. A. Oliveira, in straight sets.

THE STANDARD OF BADMINTON WAS FAIRLY HIGH. WONG AND LEE BEING THE TWO OUTSTANDING PLAYERS. WONG'S WIDE REPERTOIRE OF STROKES AND HIS EXCEPTIONAL PLACEMENTS HAD HUI IN DIFFICULTIES. WHILE HIS SPEED IN COVERING COURT PLAYED A BIG PART IN HIS VICTORY. HE WAS THE COOLEST OF THE FOUR PLAYERS ON VIEW. AND WAS RARELY RATTLED BY HIS OPPONENT'S STROKES.

T. C. Lee proved too good for Oliveira overhead, while he scored most of his points at the net where a quick kill had the desired effect. Oliveira did not appear to be entirely at ease and time and again missed easy shots from the baseline. He gave away countless aces by misjudging the flight of the shuttle, while his placements were poor in comparison to his opponent.

P. K. Hui commenced his match against P. H. Wong very confidently, but threw away several aces by smashing into the net, while he was sorely troubled

by Wong's brilliant placements in the corner just over the net.

Scoring in both matches was prolonged and although T. C. Lee commenced his match, the first of the two, against Oliveira, by securing three aces in a row, the service changes hands eight times before he added his fourth point. From that stage onwards the points came at regular intervals. Lee's fine smashing and cleverly angled returns from smashes easily beat Oliveira. The first set was a ding-dong struggle on the whole, Lee securing five aces on mistakes made by Oliveira, while his fine net play was responsible for the majority of the rest.

THE FORFEIT

If he did not go with them he was to receive \$100 and "half the one-twelfth share in the one-fourth of the net profits" to which Lillywhite was entitled.

The players were each to receive \$200, all expenses, "the net proceeds of the Benefit Match to be played at Melbourne or Adelaide," one-quarter of the net profits of the expedition, £50 each before sailing and £50 each "within a week after the first match in Melbourne," and the residue "at the finish of the expedition."

PENALTIES

Should any of the players "be guilty of any extravagance, improper conduct or behaviour which may conduce to the loss or detriment of the others, their pay shall be stopped or deducted" as Lillywhite, as sole umpire therein, might determine. James Southerton was appointed vice-captain.

This team won one of the Test matches by four wickets and lost the other by forty-five runs.

NOT MUCH CHANGED

More than sixty years have passed since this first team played in Tests. The financial rewards have not changed much.

A professional who tours Australia can reckon on £400 for certain — perhaps £600. The amount above £400 is represented by bonus, and that depends on the team being a success or not.

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AT A GLANCE

T. C. Lee beat M. A. Oliveira 15-7, 15-7.
Patrick Wong beat P. K. Hui 15-9, 12-15, 15-8.

experience and of anticipation lost him valuable ground, and although he rallied well, in the second set, to take the match, he fell away badly in the deciding match when Wong had him running all over the court.

Wong's best strokes were his wonderful placements just over the net and his resulting "kill" from the resultant lob from his opponent's racket.

ONLY HAD SMASH

He kept Hui in suspense with his long rallies from all over the court and exploited a sharp angle return on the backhand to the best advantage. Hui's best shot was a smash, but this in itself was not good enough to overcome Wong's steadiness and deadly returns. He waited that fraction longer before returning most of his long lobs in order to catch Hui on the wrong foot and, succeeded on occasions.

There were one or two incidents during the game worthy of comment. The first was Wong's surprising move in substituting a shuttle without the consent of his opponent. He just dropped the shuttle with which they had been playing because it evidently played out of court from a long lob, and walked up to the Umpire's table where he picked up another and proceeded to test it. Hui raised no objection when asked by Mr. Shute, the umpire, but I personally think Wong should have appealed to the Umpire first before making the substitution.

BAD DECISION

The second incident was a drive from Hui down the side-line which was clearly out of play at the point the shuttle was alleged to have reached the board, but the linesman surprisingly gave it as in. Both these incidents occurred in the second set and had an unsettling effect on Wong, who, leading at one time by 11 aces to 8, unexpectedly gave way under the strain of the moment and conceded the set at 12-15. There was never any doubt in the final stanza that Wong would win, and although Hui raised a cheer from his supporters at times with a fine smash down the side-lines, he was unable to break through Wong's fine defensive strokes.

On yesterday's play Wong should secure the Colony championship.

ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

The 28th Annual Athletic meeting of St. Paul's College will be held on the South China Athletic Association ground to-day, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the events, Mrs. S. W. Tso, wife of the Honourable Dr. S. W. Tso, will distribute the prizes.

CLYDE BEAT HEARTS IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE

London, To-day. — In their First Division Scottish League soccer encounter played yesterday, Clyde beat Hearts by 2 goals to 1 in their home fixture. — Better.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRITISH & AMERICANS IN SPORT OUTLOOK

Jack Lovelock, The Famous Runner, Gives His Experiences

WRITING in the December edition of "World Sports," just after he had been beaten in America in the second "Mile of the Century" by Archie San Romani. Jack Lovelock touches upon several things which explain the different attitudes of the American and Briton towards sport.

THE success of American athletes in the Olympic Games is one more example brought right home to us of the greater success of our trans-Atlantic cousins at this branch of sport. For the last five years I have made comparatively frequent visits to America, and have studied at first hand athletic conditions there. Observations at many schools, universities, and clubs, conversations with the leading coaches and with their most prominent athletes have all convinced me that the fundamental underlying difference is one of temperament, and that the details of organisation and technique leading to success are the outcome of mental rather than of physical or climatic factors.

DIFFERENT ATTITUDE

"The whole attitude of the American people to sport differs greatly from that of the British nation. An entirely different value is placed upon competition and competitive success, with the result that the public, the Press, and the contestants tend to regard their sport in rather a different way. Consequently everything is done on a different scale, the economic factor is stressed more strongly, organisation is more complete, and the final results obtained are so much more effective.

"It is foreign to the British temperament to play their games with such intensity as do the Americans, just as it is foreign to it for the spectators to enter into the spirit of sport with such keenness, and frequently with such partnership.

MUST SUPPLY IT

"But what the American public demands, the American Press cries out for, and the athletes have to supply. The American Press is an organisation for whose moral outlook I cannot feel anything approaching the admiration I have for its efficiency; it realises that the economic aspect, a factor which looms much more prominently in sport there than it does in England, demands that it supplies the public with news of real Press value; it serves its public for sordid reasons rather than its athletes for altruistic ones in a manner more blatant than the public of England would, I hope, tolerate.

"The result is that athletes and athletics are boosted and ballyhooed out of all proportion to their merit; the public, led to believe what it wishes to believe, flocks in hordes to turnstiles, lauds athletic heroes far above their true value, drops them as readily as soon as they suffer a lapse; the papers show handsome returns, as do also athletic meetings; a high premium is placed on athletic success—by the athletes as a means to publicity, and some form of status, by the promoters, clubs,

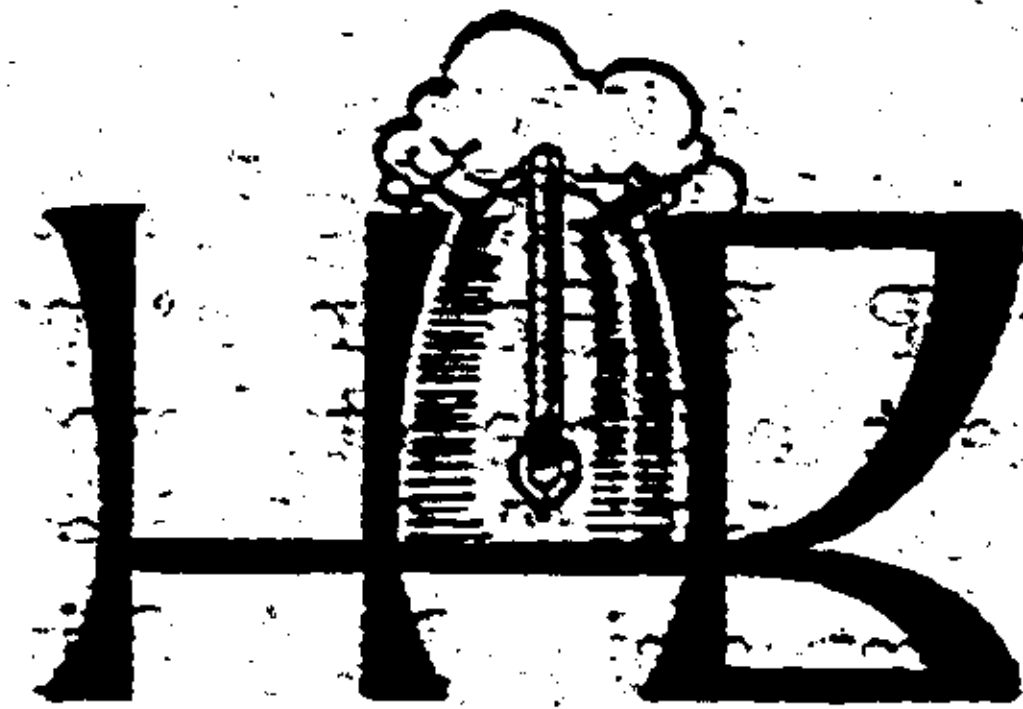
schools, and universities as a source of income, by the Press likewise for financial reasons, and by the public as a means of entertainment en masse.

"It has become more understandable to me that boys at preparatory schools, at public schools, and at university should believe it well worth

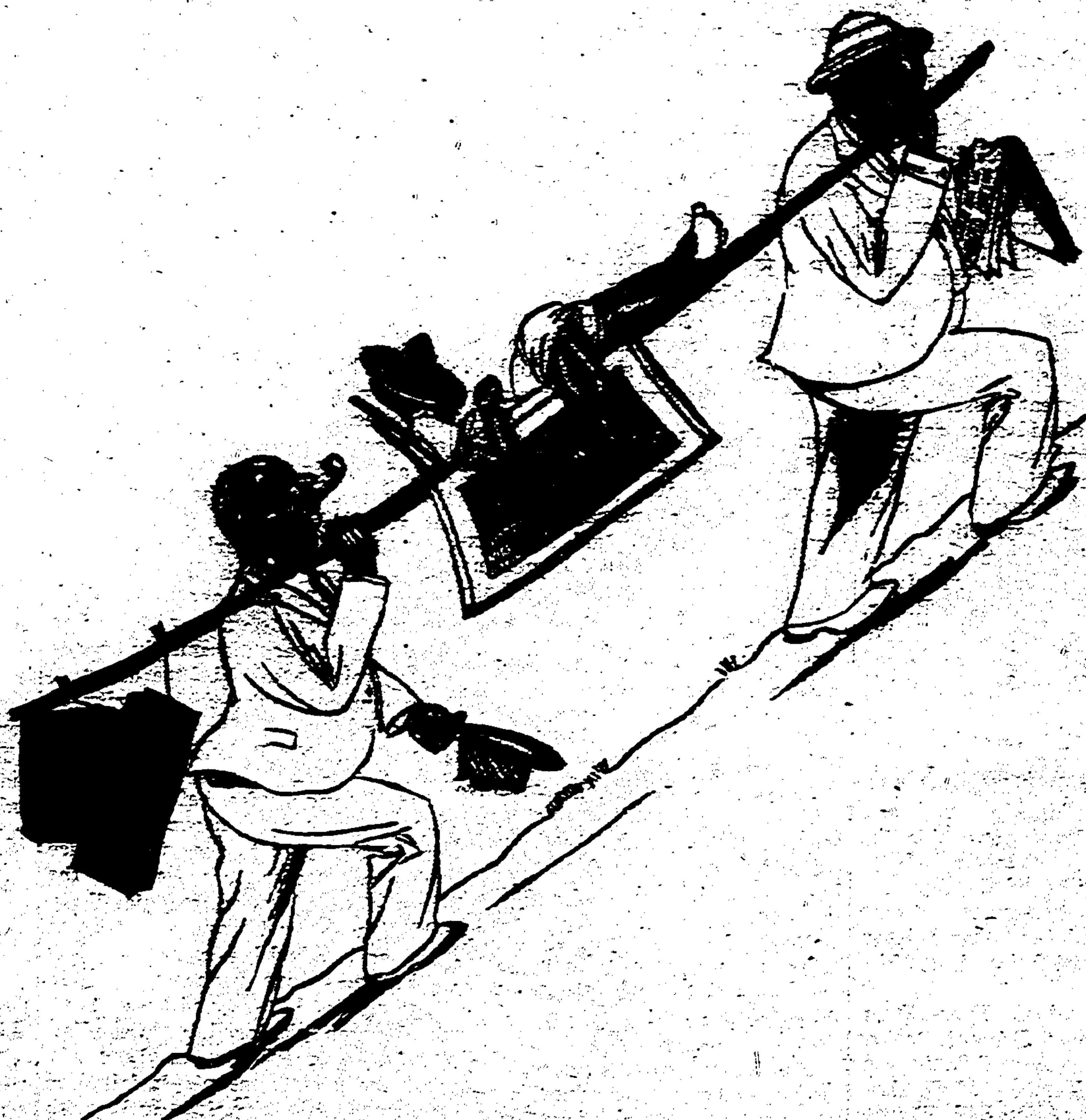
while to spend many labourious years in the acquisition of technique and the perfection of style that the normal British person would not have the patience to attempt.

"There is a pride in technical accomplishment, as well as a determination to work strongly towards what appears to them a worth-while end. Coaches

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VIENNA'S WONDERFUL FEAT

(By "SPOT KICK")

London, February 21.

CONTINENTAL football has lost its Herbert Chapman. Hugo Meisl is dead—the man who made the Austrians a power in Soccer. I had known him since 1912 when he was a referee at the Olympic Games at Stockholm, and the more I knew, the more I thought of him.

FANCY ONE CITY TURNING OUT AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM TO BEAT SCOTLAND (WHEN BELOW STRENGTH) 5-0 AT VIENNA, AND DRAW WITH THEM AT HAMPDEN PARK; TO LOSE ONLY 4-3 TO ENGLAND AT CHELSEA, AND BEAT US 2-1 (MEISL'S AMBITION REALISED) LAST MAY AT VIENNA!

That's what Meisl achieved in Vienna, and by the most scientific football in the world. British coaches helped, but, as the chief of them—Jimmy Hogan, now of Aston Villa—will tell you, Meisl "made" the Austrians.

Despite these successes Meisl always said British football was supreme. "You have the build and the birthright of football," he used to say to me. "Why are you letting it drift away from the scientific?"

At the banquet after the Glasgow match he surprised the Scotsmen by saying: "You still regard Austria and the Continental countries as newcomers to the game. But we have been playing for 40 or 50 years," and went on to startle them with his intimate references to Bobby Walker, "Napoleon" McMenemy, and Jimmy Quinn.

STAR TRANSFER TALKS

He was concerned with Herbert Chapman in the negotiations that preceded the effort of the Arsenal to sign Hiden, the famous Austrian goalkeeper, who twice sailed for this country from Ostend but failed to pass the immigration authorities.

He once asked me whether a British club would like Cesta, Austria's india-rubber back—"the modern Dicky Downs," we called him. I happened to be in Scotland, so discussed it with William Struth, manager of the Rangers, who agreed that the immigration position was hopeless.

I told Meisl, too, that if we took their star players they would soon be taking ours, and that might mean trouble. "Probably you're right," he replied.

"MIKE" SURPRISE

Wherever England played on the Continent, there was Admirer Meisl, the man who really had so little to learn. He turned up once and made me jump.

I was asked by the Swiss folk to broadcast a half-time commentary on the Switzerland v. England match in 1933 at Berne. "What's the use?" I said, "half of them won't know the English language."

Anyhow, I performed. And at the end, with one hand over the "mike," said: "And I hope, brothers, you know what it's all about!"

SEVEN LANGUAGES

"That's easy," said a voice behind me, and Meisl proceeded to transmit a translation! He could speak seven

HOME SOCCER FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

Big Programme Arranged

The following are the Home football fixtures for Easter Week with exception of the usual Saturday programme. There are no Scottish League fixtures, except next Saturday.

FRIDAY

First Division	
Arsenal	v Stoke
Bolton	v Wednesday
Brentford	v Preston
Chelsea	v Charlton
Grimsby	v Portsmouth
Liverpool	v Manchester C.
Manchester U.	v Everton
Middlesboro	v Birmingham
Sunderland	v Wolves
Second Division	
Blackpool	v Blackburn
Burnley	v Coventry
Bury	v Tottenham
Chesterfield	v Bradford C.
Doncaster	v Fulham
Newcastle	v Aston Villa
Plymouth	v Southampton
Swansea	v Notts. F.
West Ham	v Barnsley
Third Division (South)	
Aldershot	v Bristol R.
Brighton	v Southend
Bristol C.	v Exeter
Clapton	v Luton
Crystal P.	v Torquay
Gillingham	v Northampton
Millwall	v Swindon
Newport	v Bournemouth
Notts. C.	v Cardiff
Queen's Park	v Reading
Walsall	v Watford
Third Division (North)	
Accrington	v Oldham
Carlisle	v Hartlepool
Crewe	v Darlington
Gateshead	v Wrexham
Mansfield	v Chester

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languages—perhaps eight, when he died; I hadn't seen him since May.

A fine friend gone—he even took me into Austria's secret team-talk an hour before they played England at Chelsea, and supplied an interpreter. A great loss to Association football.

HE STILL WANTS TO PLAY CRICKET

Sydney Barnes Will Be 64 This Month

London, February 22.—The following advertisement appeared in the columns of a morning paper yesterday: "Engagement wanted for season 1937; matches preferred.—S. F. Barnes, Stafford."

Sydney Barnes, one of England's greatest Test bowlers of a past age, will be sixty-four next month!



INTER-VARSITY GOLF

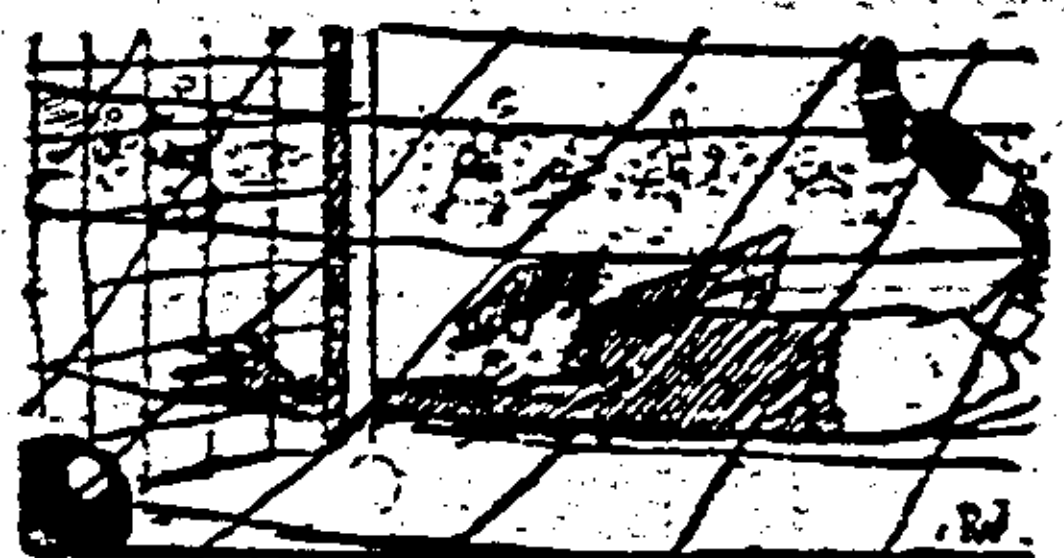
Amazing Recovery By Cantabs

London, To-day.

The Inter-Varsity Golf Foursomes between Oxford University and Cambridge University was held yesterday over the Prince's Course, at Sandwich, and resulted in the encounter being halved. Each team won one and halved three matches.

Lucas and Dixon, of Cambridge, were featured in an amazing recovery in their match against Mitchell-Innes, the well-known cricketer, and Lawrie, which they eventually halved after being 8 down at the 18th hole.

The Oxford pair were 4 up at the 27th, but the Light Blue pair levelled the scores at the 35th, and squared the match with a half at the 35th, and squared the match with a half at the last hole.—Reuter.



Third Division (North)

Barrow	v Tranmere
Chester	v Mansfield
Darlington	v Crewe
Halifax	v Rochdale
Hartlepool	v Carlisle
Hull	v Stockport
Lincoln	v Port Vale
Oldham	v Accrington
Rotherham	v New Brighton
Wrexham	v Gateshead
York	v Southport

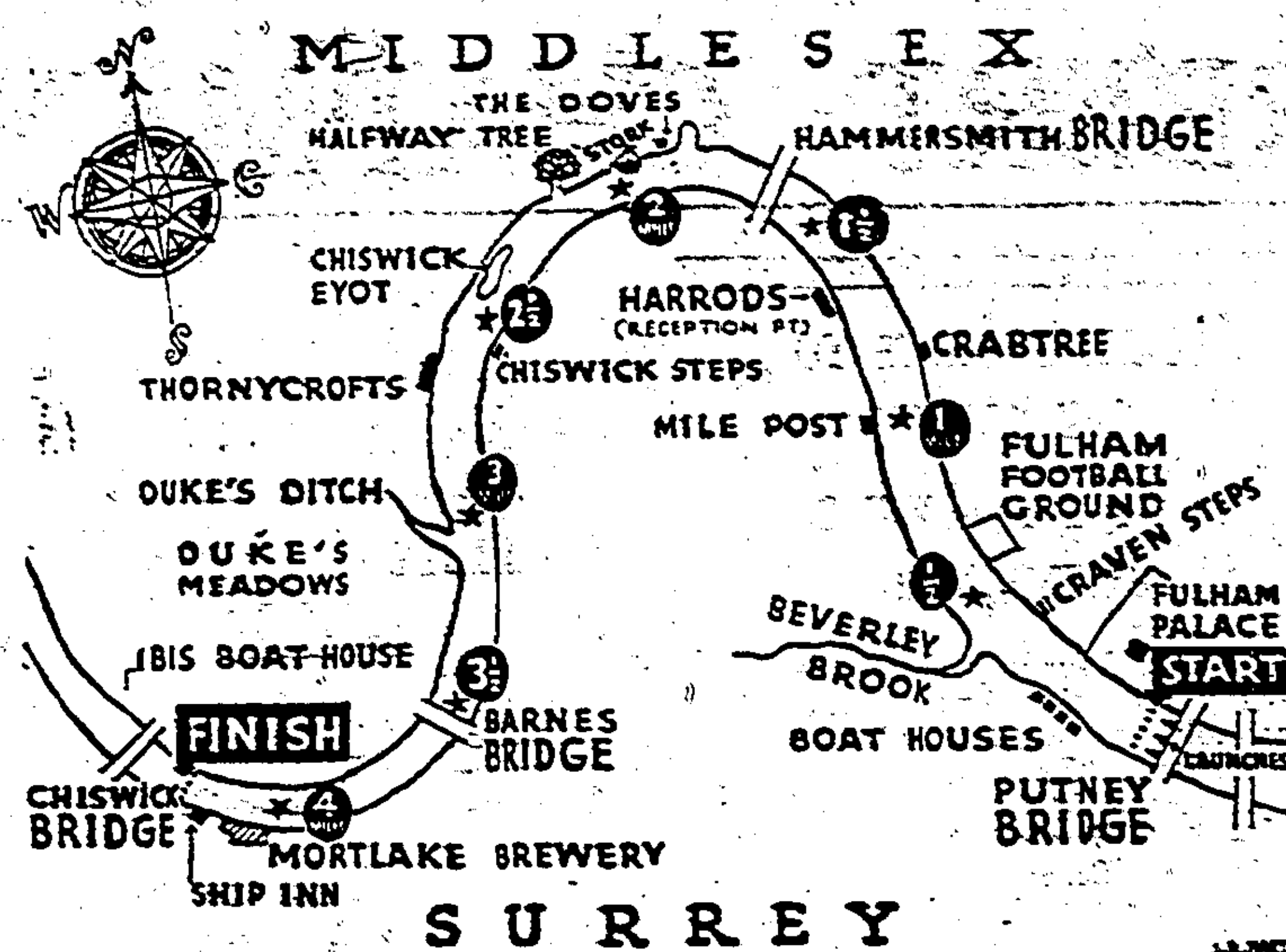


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The following is a plan of the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race course. The famous event, which is of world-wide interest, will take place this morning.

‘VARSITY BOAT RACE THIS MORNING LIGHT BLUES’ VERY LONG SEQUENCE OF WINS

THE annual Boat Race between Oxford and Cambridge Universities, from Putney to Mortlake will be rowed on this morning, and this will be the first mid-week race since 1921, when the Light Blues won by a length.

LOVELOCK'S EXPERIENCES RETOLD

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consequently have a much higher social status, for demand breeds the supply. In addition the boys are taught early to become good spectators—much better spectators than the average English crowd.

SMALL CROWDS

“It is always a matter for wonderment in America that at England's bigger universities such small attendances should be present at important sporting events, that people should prefer to go away and play their own games quietly, and often comparatively badly instead of joining the throngs of spectators who would flock along to similar events in their country.

“But whereas we are brought up to play our games rather for our own pleasure and recreation, the young American is imbued with a finer sense of showmanship where his public and his attainment must be early considered. The result is that

Cambridge has remained unbeaten since 1924. The last occasion when Oxford won was in 1923, when a distance of three quarters of a length separated the Dark Blues from their rivals.

This year, Oxford is making a very determined effort to win this boat race classic which commands world wide interest.

The following are the results of the University Boat Race since 1914:—

Year	Winner	Time	Won By
1914	Cambridge	20m. 23s.	4½ lengths.
1920	Cambridge	21m. 11s.	4 lengths.
1921	Cambridge	19m. 45s.	1 lengths.
1922	Cambridge	19m. 27s.	4½ lengths.
1923	Oxford	20m. 54s.	¾ lengths.
1924	Cambridge	18m. 41s.	4½ lengths.
1925	Cambridge	21m. 50s.	a distance.
1926	Cambridge	19m. 29s.	5 lengths.
1927	Cambridge	20m. 14s.	2½ lengths.
1928	Cambridge	20m. 25s.	10 lengths.
1929	Cambridge	19m. 24s.	7 lengths.
1930	Cambridge	19m. 4s.	2 lengths.
1931	Cambridge	19m. 26s.	2½ lengths.
1932	Cambridge	19m. 26s.	5 lengths.
1933	Cambridge	20m. 57s.	2½ lengths.
1934	Cambridge	18m. 38s.	4½ lengths.
1935	Cambridge	19m. 48s.	4½ lengths.
1936	Cambridge	21m. 6s.	5 lengths.

Fastest time on record:—18 mins. 3 secs. Cambridge (1934).

concentration and specialisation are early developments because the end is considered worthy of the means. The results we see in all events, not only in track and field athletics but in every other branch of sport; we admire their technical accomplishment, but we tend too often to ignore the mental attitude which allows this.”

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES



PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tsun Wan in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.		Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Direct Price								
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			As per sale plan.	2,360	22	9,800								

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.50 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.55 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1937.

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HONG KONG AND PREFERENCE

H.K. ROPE CO.'S HOPES

Hopes that revision of the Ottawa Agreements would produce beneficial effects on the Company's business under the Empire Preference Scheme were expressed at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company this morning. Mr. A. L. Shields presided. The Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—As you will see from the accounts, the result of the Company's working for the past year, after charging depreciation and allowing for directors' and auditors' Fees, interest and commission to general managers, etc., shows a net profit of \$16,910.49. Although this profit is small some satisfaction is to be gained from a comparison with the figures which were presented to you for the previous year, when a loss of some \$36,000 was recorded.

This Profit added to the Balance brought forward from 1935, makes a sum of \$43,065.68 at credit of Profit and Loss Account, which your Directors recommend be carried forward to next year's Account.

When addressing you last year, I made reference to the severe competition which we have had to contend with. That competition has, if I may say, been intensified throughout the year, particularly in India, Burma and the Straits Settlements.

EMPIRE PREFERENCE

I regret having to say again that we are still deriving little benefit under the Empire Preference Scheme. The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce submitted its views to Government on the subject of Imperial Preference between Hong Kong and the Empire generally, and we hope the revision of the Ottawa Agreements will obtain for this Company's products preferential treatment in Empire Markets, particularly Canada, India and Burma.

Our turnover for the year under review shows a marked improvement over that for the previous year, but the keen competition which we have had to meet has meant a reduction in profits.

The total revenue earned from rents is \$40,585.93, an increase of \$9,212.36 on the figures recorded for the previous year. This is accounted for by the entire Factory Buildings at Mat-tan-kok having been let since the month of June, 1936. The additional rent obtained therefrom will be fully gained in the accounts for the current year.

As regards our 28 Chinese Dwelling Houses at Kennedy Town, I regret that only 40 per cent of the number of flats is occupied.

With regard to our Investments, it will be noted that the sum of \$6,519.75 has been written off for Depreciation and these now stand in the books at market value on 31st December, 1936.

As to the prospects for the present year, I cannot say more than we have started the year in a normal way and we hope that we shall continue to get a fair share of the business offering.

The chairman then proposed that the Report and Accounts be adopted and passed and that the credit balance of \$43,065.68 be carried forward to 1937 Account.

Mr. J. P. Braga seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

Messrs. J. P. Braga O.B.E., and Mr. S. T. Williamson were re-elected to the Board of Directors and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, were re-appointed auditors.

Those who attended were:—Mr. A. L. Shields (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Braga O.B.E., Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors); Mr. F. J. Tavares, (Secretary), and the following shareholders; Messrs. W. A. Zimmern, H. Dreyer, C. W. L. Cole, J. Toppin and A. A. Botelho.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, on Saturday and is due at Hong Kong on April 9.

ELECTRIC GRID IN BRITAIN

Remarkable Progress Recorded

OUTPUT DOUBLED IN 8 YEARS

London, To-day.

The ninth annual report of the Central Electricity Board reveals that the cost of the national grid to date, including extensions and reinforcement, is about £30,000,000, while it is estimated that, by the end of 1936, the total capital saving arising from the reduction in the proportion of generating plant held in reserve by authorised undertakers had amounted to £14,000,000.

The increase of 2,650 million units in the output of electricity from public supply stations in Britain in 1936 was the highest recorded in the history of the industry and brought the total production by authorised undertakers in the year to over 20,000 million units.

Since 1929, the output of electricity in Britain has increased by over 95 per cent, whereas over the same period the expansion of world production has not exceeded 35 per cent.

Progress of the concentration of public supplies of electricity upon the grid system can be judged, say the report, from the fact that during the year 95 per cent. of electricity so supplied in areas in which general trading was in force, was generated for or on behalf of the Board.

At the end of 1936, the grid system comprised approximately 4,125 miles of transmission lines, 2,898 miles of which operated at 132,000 volts and the remainder at 66,000 and lower voltages, and 289 switching and transforming stations with an aggregate transforming capacity of 9,474,800 K.W.

The number of selected stations at the end of the year was 137, in which a total capacity of 7,206,045 kilowatts of generating plant was installed.—British Wireless.

MAX SCHMELING GOING HOME

Berlin Offer To Braddock Withdrawn

Berlin, To-day.

A despatch has been received here from New York stating that Max Schmeling, German challenger for the heavyweight boxing title, has decided to return immediately to Germany.

It seems that the Berlin promoters who offered James Braddock, the reigning champion, a big purse as well as film and broadcast rights if he would meet Schmeling for the world title in the German capital, have now withdrawn their offer.

It is believed that Schmeling will remain in Germany for a few weeks only as he has to return to the United States again to fulfil a contract for a series of exhibition fights in several American cities.—Trans-Ocean.

The P. and O. s.s. "Soudan" left Shanghai for this Port yesterday at 3 p.m. and is due here on the 26th instant at about 6 a.m.

Duchess Of Bedford Still Missing

London, To-day.

There is still no trace of the Duchess of Bedford, who has been missing for twenty-four hours since she hopped off on a solo flight in her private aeroplane from Woburn Abbey.

Search of the extensive woods in the vicinity has not revealed any trace of the missing airwoman and a police inspector said yesterday that they were baffled.

One hundred men are continuing the search between Woburn and Ampthill in a snowstorm.

Royal Air Force planes are also keeping a sharp look-out.—Reuter.

EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH

London, To-day.

The search for the Duchess of Bedford, who has been missing since she set out on a solo flight from her home, Woburn Abbey, continued all day yesterday but without success.

Royal Air Force planes have taken part in the search which has been exhaustively pursued in East Anglia, particularly in the Fen district. The Duchess, who is an experienced airwoman, is 71 years old.—British Wireless.

GAS WORKS FIRE CAUSES PANIC

Hundreds of people, including many women with children clutched in their arms, ran panic-stricken from their homes when the gas sales stores of the Commercial Gas Company in Harford-street, Mile End, London, caught fire.

The company's fire brigade was holding a practice at the time, and within a few seconds had hoses and extinguishers playing on the flames.

They were unable to keep them in check, however, and when the L.C.C. brigade arrived, after a district call had been issued, flames were shooting 40ft into the air.

Two large gasholders situated within a few yards of the stores, and while the wind blew the fire away from these, it increased the fears of the people living in Harford-street, as the flames came within inches of the houses.

Dense clouds of smoke enveloped the district, making it impossible for people to remain in their homes.

Mr. S. Martino, proprietor of a cafe in Harford-street, said: "The flames sprang up so quickly that at any moment we expected an explosion."

"Police eventually calmed the crowd and persuaded us to go back to our homes, as the gas had been turned off and there was no danger."

The fire, which spread to the offices above the stores, was extinguished about one and a half hours later.

An employee of the gas company, Mark Goody, was overcome when trying to reach the stores, and was found by firemen unconscious on a gallery of a gas-holder. He recovered later and was taken home.

DEATH

Najoo, beloved daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Patell, aged 9 years, passed away peacefully at 11.00 p.m. 23rd March, 1937, at St. Paul's Hospital. Shanghai & Singapore papers please copy.

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